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Tree of peace extends hope

Co-ordinator of the International English as a second language program, Susan Vandenboom, places a handfull of dirt under the Tree of Peace for aboriginal equality at Niagara College.
Photo by Leann McHutchion

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

A historical "ground breaking" ceremony is being celebrated at Niagara College in Welland.

In an unprecedented event on Oct. 16, more than 100 people gathered to plant a great white pine, the Tree of Peace, to commemorate the equal partnership between the college and the native community.

"As the tree flourishes and grows so too will we with great hope and expectations," said Jesse Garlow, chairperson of the college's Aboriginal Education Management Circle.

The Management Circle, formed in May 1992 to address the educational needs of native students, directs programming through the college's Aboriginal Access Office in S102B. The Circle has equal representation from the college's Board of Govenors and five community aboriginal organizations.

"We will strive to make the partnership grow and flourish to help build a better understanding between our cultures and (to) help guarantee a great future for the seven generations of our people to follow," said Garlow.

Garlow was among seven speakers who exchanged a unique Wampum friendship treaty, while at the same time establishing the college's first native scholarship fund to honor the partnership's comradeship and mutual trust.

The Wampum treaty is a replica of the original Haudenausaunee shell bead treaty. The naturalness of the rare abolone shell beads, that range from purple to white, symbolize the strength of a union that cannot be deteriorated.

"(The original) treaty was made to last forever, as long as the water flows, the grasses grow and the sun rises," said Wayne Hill, executive director of the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre.

"One of the significance of this presentation here is to remind native people and non-native people to put away their prejudice, their racism, and to become friends and co-operate and co-exist on Mother Earth," said Hill.

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Liberals lead Niagara College poll

Support for Liberal Leader Jean Chretien remains strong only three days before Canadians vote, a Niagara News poll suggests.

If the federal election were held today, Chretien would be Canada's new prime minister, says the poll of 200 students, teachers and support staff at Niagara College's Welland campus.

The poll, taken Oct. 15 and 18, gives a clear picture of a Liberal victory and a Tory collapse. Despite two past majority government victories in 1984 and 1988 under former prime minister Brian Mulroney, it appears Prime Minister Kim Campbell is heading for a crushing defeat.

Of the 200 people interviewed, only 22 indicated they planned to vote for the Progressive Conservatives. The Liberals led with 58 votes, while 57 people said they were still undecided about which party to vote for on Monday.

The Reform Party, considered little more than a Western fringe party when it was formed by Preston Manning in 1987, captured 28 votes in the Niagara News poll of 200 voters.

Twenty-one people indicated they would not be voting on Monday.

Here is the breakdown: Liberals 58 votes **(29 per cent)**; Undecided 57 votes **(28.5 per cent)**; Reform 28 votes **(14 per cent)**; Progressive Conservatives 22 votes **(11 per cent)**; 21 people not voting **(10.5 per cent)**; while only seven people **(3.5 per cent)** indicated they were voting for the New Democratic Party. Seven people **(3.5 per cent)** indicated they were voting for a collection of the other federal parties.

Here are some responses:

"I voted Liberal in the advance poll," said Sara Tellier, 20, a first-year General College student from Niagara Falls. "I would like to see them in the federal government. I like their positions."

"Does it really make a difference? They're all the same," said Mark Switzer, 21, a Business Retail program student.

"I believe Jean Chretien will do for Canada what Pierre Trudeau did in the past," said Brent Johnston, 19, a Computer Engineering student.

"I like the PCs, but I don't think Kim Campbell can cut it in Parliament," added John MacDaddy, 21, a Business Administration student.

"They're all a bunch of pinheads," said Rae Jarzen, 21, a Human Relations student.

The Niagara News poll echoes the results of other national polls, which indicate the Liberals winning Monday's federal election. The real race appears to be which party — Reform or the Bloc Quebecois — will become the official Opposition in the House of Commons.

From the files of Keri Reed, Greg Kelly, Stephen Krick and Amy Neilands.

Got it

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

They went for the gold and got it.

Undefeated, the Niagara Knights touch football team won the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) finals for the first time on Oct. 16 at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont.

"They played an especially great first half," says coach Peter Rylander. "We had some big plays and we played against the wind."

In the first game, Niagara beat the St. Lawrence Schooners of Brockville, Ont., 35-1.

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Campbell cheered on by supporters

By DIANA BERARDI
Staff Writer

Federal political party leaders are nearing the electoral campaign trail's end as Canadians head to the polls on Oct. 25.

Tackling the Liberal and Reform parties' platforms, Progressive Conservative Prime Minister Kim Campbell was cheered by about 600 Tory supporters during a stop Oct. 8 in Niagara Falls at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel ballroom.

"Kick a little butt" is the advice from many Tory supporters, she said, and it's easier to do as the issues become clearer.

"There's a fair amount of exposed butt out there," she said.

Campbell began her attack with Reform Party leader Preston Manning's plan to reduce the deficit.

"He has shown himself for what he is, a right-wing ideologue who has completely lost sight of the humanitarian vision of this country."

Manning's plan to reduce the deficit in three years includes cutting social programs by $9 billion. He has said he intends to reduce federal contributions for old age security benefits, unemployment insurance and welfare benefits.

"He's got a plan to eliminate the deficit on the backs of the elderly, on the backs of the sick, on the backs of small businesses and on the backs of the taxpayer," said Campbell.

Slamming his plan to reclaim $3.5 billion from old age pensions, she said this move would steal the pensions of one in every four Canadians.

"Mr. Manning's deficit reduction program doesn't work. It's dangerous and it's heartless," said Campbell.

Prime Minister Kim Campbell is surrounded by Tory supporters during a visit to Niagara Falls on Oct. 8.
Photo by Frank Serra

Liberal leader Jean Chretien was another easy target.

"Mr. Chretien's plan offers hype not hope," she said, while deploring the Liberal party's job creation plan.

In an effort to create jobs, Chretien advocates a $6-billion public works program providing more than 100,000 jobs over two years. The federal government would fund $2 billion of the cost with the remaining $4 billion coming from provincial and municipal governments.

"Cash flow" are the words Campbell emphasizes when pointing out Chretien's failure to mention how the provinces and municipalities will pay their share. This would inevitably lead to higher taxes, she said.

"It's really no plan at all, it's full of holes," said Campbell, waving a hole-punctured copy of the Liberal's Creating Opportunity red book which outlines economic development strategy.

"There's nothing in the red book to tell us what Mr. Chretien's going to replace the GST [goods and services tax] with."

". . . If Jean Chretien becomes prime minister of this country there will be no social programs and there will be no future for our children because all of the money will be spent servicing the debt," said Campbell.

In contrast, Campbell says the Tory policy is based on action and change and the choices could not be clearer.

"The Bloc Quebecois will break the Canadian nation. The Reform party will break the Canadian spirit and the Liberal party will simply break the Canadian bank. Canadians deserve better."

The Tories offer choices of hope and realistic response to government spending, she said.

Her commitment has never been stronger to lead this party and government to a new mandate and "to offer Canadians a faith in their government that will keep the country and nation strong," said Campbell.

Jobs No. 1 in Erie

By STEPHEN KRICK
Staff Writer

Candidates for the local riding of Erie consider jobs to be the No. 1 issue.

Seven parties are vying for votes in the Erie riding, including the Conservatives, the Liberals, the NDP, the Reform Party, the Christian Heritage Party, the National Party, and the Natural Law Party.

Tom Christofs, campaign manager of the Erie Liberal Party, said promoting jobs through an infrastructure program will help get the economy moving again. He said the Liberals are not focusing on the deficit.

"We can't rely on the private sector to create jobs," Christofs said.

John Maloney is the Liberal candidate in the Erie riding. Maloney works with his brother as a lawyer in their law firm.

Lesley Penwarden, an accountant secretary and assistant with her father's optometry office, is the NDP candidate for Erie.

Thurston Ted, campaign manager for the Erie NDP, criticizes the Liberals, Conservatives and the Reform for supporting the Free Trade agreement. He said free trade has not created jobs, in fact, jobs have been lost because of free trade.

He said surveys indicate "overwhelming support for the creation of new jobs. If you really want jobs you can't create them until we see the end of free trade."

Bill Robbins, the National Party candidate for Erie, said the government has to concentrate on putting people back to work in factories, small businesses and farmers.

Robbins said the way to create jobs is to "stop foreign ownership of the Canadian economy. Banks are taking the savings of Canadians and investing them outside of the country."

Robbins, a construction worker with Crown Landscaping in Fort Erie, said the National Party will get rid of free trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Alfred Kiers, the Christian Heritage Party candidate for Erie, said cutting the deficit and debt will create jobs.

"I think if we all work on the debt and deficit it would help all Canadians, and not just for Erie but for all of Canada," said Kiers, a manager of greenhouses in Dunnville, Ont.

Bradd Wilson, the Conservative Party candidate for Erie, said "government must create an environment that makes it easy for businesses because businesses create jobs, not governments."

Some of the things government can do, said Wilson, is keep the dollar stable, keep interest rates and inflation low, and reduce red tape. He said that he will help create markets for Canadian products, through agreements such as free trade and NAFTA, and the elimination of inter-provincial trade barriers.

Wilson replaces Girve Fretz who was Erie's representative in Ottawa for the past 14 years.

The Reform candidate in Erie is Bob Lund, who owns a small manufacturing business in Fort Erie.

His press secretary, Donna Reilly, said jobs is the major concern. "The Reform's position is that the private sector creates real jobs, through tax relief and through creating a climate so small businesses expand and new investors invest in the area," she said.

Alzheimer Society correction

In the Niagara News article, "Alzheimer Society needs your compassion" (Vol. 24, No. 2, Oct. 8, 1993, page 9) Dion McAteer is an outreach counsellor, not a secretary, who has worked with the Alzheimer Society for three years.

Occasionally liquor stores have coin boxes and the money collected goes towards research, said McAteer. People specify how their individual donations are to be used by the Alzheimer Society.

For the past eight to 10 months, Avondale stores have been involved with the Alzheimer Society, said Diane Muirhead, a former president of the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region. Along with coin boxes in the stores, they are selling apple-scented candles this year as a fund-raiser for the society.

Muirhead was employed at the Extendicare Nursing Home in St. Catharines from 1975 to 1989 when she retired.

In 1986, Muirhead became a volunteer member of the Niagara Region Alzheimer Society board.

"All of the board members are volunteers," she said. Her job at the Alzheimer Society doesn't include counselling clients.

As a registered nurse, Muirhead also works part time in a doctor's office.

The society has four paid counsellors and two paid office staff, said Muirhead. Provincial funding and private donations help cover staff costs. Counselling positions are not volunteer.

Counsellors meet with the clients either at the clients' own home or at the Avondale House. "It's up to the family," she said.

"Volunteers provide social interaction with the client and the caregiver," said Muirhead. Volunteers also help with fund-raising events like bingos, flea markets, tag days and with any Alzheimer information or awareness events.

The Avondale House on 203 Ontario St. in St. Catharines has a resource library "to help people understand Alzheimer's," said Muirhead.

Info Niagara is a resource information centre with information about many community services, it does not concentrate on the Alzheimer Society, she said.

Majority undecided in Niagara Falls

By JOHN SARKO
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The federal election campaign in Niagara Falls appears to be close. A recent Niagara Falls Review poll indicated 58 per cent of voters remain undecided. With eight candidates running, voters are offered a wide selection of platforms. All the candidates agree the economy and job creation are the central issues.

Rob Nicholson, the Progressive Conservative incumbent, is a nine-year veteran of the House of Commons. He currently serves in Cabinet as Minister for Small Business and Science. The PCs want to continue with the style of growth that has led to a $12-billion trade surplus with the United States, he said.

Liberal candidate Gary Pillitteri wants to rebuild the economic infrastructure in order "to kick start the economy." By putting money into programs like child care and small business development, the Grits hope to create a positive atmosphere for private enterprise.

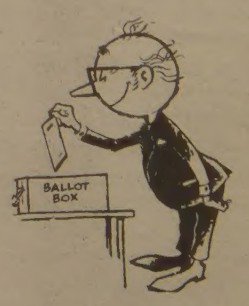
Reform candidate Mel Grunstein said he believes the way to get the economy moving is by reducing taxes and changing government spending habits. "Medi-care and education are two things we want to maintain at today's level."

NDP candidate Steve Leonard said he wants "to invest in Niagara." He would create jobs by bringing in more tourists to boost the local economy. A hovercraft across Lake Ontario, restructuring of the Queenston bypass and a revamped Lundy's Lane are ways Leonard would improve the tourism trade.

Natural Law candidate Bill Amos said he wants to develop and create markets in developing nations. "By exporting equipment and expertise we can take advantage of markets abroad."

Green Party candidate John Bruce McBurney said he believes 58 per cent of the undecided voters are fed up with the status quo. "The political situation needs to be changed." The development of technologies for the betterment of people will improve business, he said.

John Cowan of the National Party and Ted Wiwchar of the Abolitionist Party could not be reached for comment at press time.



Residence plans under way

By ANDREA SNIDER
Staff Writer

Residence plans are finally under way for the Welland campus of Niagara College.

Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president administration, said the college has been working on the idea of a residence on campus for a number of years.

"The intent is to have a residence on each campus starting here in Welland," he said.

The approach to be taken by the college is to lease the area of land on the northeast end of campus to Ed Russell, a Welland architect. He will then form a company with Sam Arminty, a developer-contractor to build and manage the new residence.

The residence is expected to hold about 200 students with recreation space, a cafeteria and study area. The design is to have six rooms clustered around a larger common living area. This effect will hopefully create a "home environment," said van der Slagt.

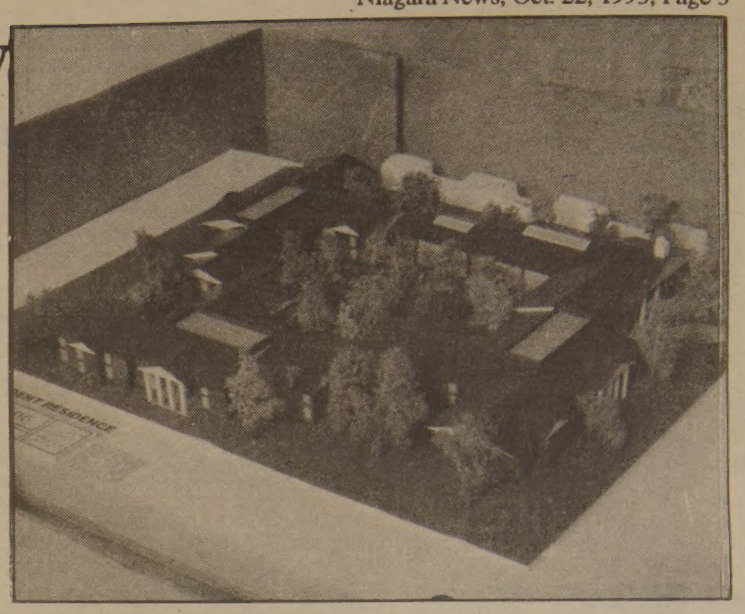
There will be three houses with about 75 students in 35 rooms in each. The developers will have complete control of the residence and the rent is expected to hover around the $310-month mark. There are no concrete plans about any of the food costs or a food-plan program to be purchased by students.

The residence is scheduled for completion in January 1995, but the developers are unsure if the residence will open for the half year in January or wait until the next fall.

Right now, the developers are waiting for Welland city council to authorize permission to rezone the area. The final decision was expected on Oct. 17.

First-year students will be given priority for on-campus housing, since 15 to 20 per cent of first-year students are from outside of the Niagara peninsula. Second and third-year students will be accepted on a more limited basis.

The board is looking into options, such as a student government within the residence and security features.



Architect's model of planned college residence.
Photo by Andrea Snider

Race honors Kristen

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

Grey skies and rain could not damper Niagara community spirit.

More than 400 area residents participated in the inaugural running of the Kristen French Green Ribbon Race held on Sunday, Oct. 17.

The 5 km race, organized by Andy Redman of the St. Catharines Roadrunners and Walkers Club, began at 2 p.m. outside of the Linwell Plaza and ended at the new Holy Cross Secondary School.

Organizing for the race began in February after Redman received approval for the event from Doug and Donna French, Kristen's parents.

The run, said Redman, provided club members with an "opportunity...to put back into the community."

Money from the $15 and $18 registration costs will be placed in an athletic scholarship at Holy Cross.

The award, said Redman, will be given to a student who "excels in academics, athletics, and in community involvement."

The starter's pistol was sounded by Insp. Vince Bevan of the Green Ribbon Task Force in Beamsville.

Fifteen minutes later, Shane Laval was the first to cross the finish line and received his trophy from the Frenches.

Following the race, Redman said participants made up their mind to ignore the rainy weather and enjoy themselves.

"Everybody who showed up had a ball," he said.

The exact amount of money raised from the event was not available at press time.

French is the St. Catharines teenager who went missing on April 16, and was found dead in Burlington eight days later. Karla Teale, 22, has been convicted of manslaughter. Her husband, Paul, 28, is awaiting trial.

Haunted hayride a howling hit

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

Warm, crackling bonfires beckon you to a cold, dark orchard in Vineland, Ont.

Harvest of Souls, a hayride thriller, carries unsuspecting victims into the world of the living dead.

Old Oak Country Barn, 4600 Victoria Ave., Vineland Station presents the 40-minute hayride where actors from Seasoned Killers Productions and the South Lincoln Drama Club depict a grisly story that keeps you on the edge of your bale of hay.

"I was shocked at the way it was performed, I didn't think it would be that good," said Scott Vernal, 21, an apprentice chef at Jack Astor's in St. Catharines.

Hayrides depart from 8 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in 15-minute intervals on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 22, 23, 29, 30.

Deliver us from ghosties, ghoulies, long-leggity beasties and things that go bump in the night!

Passport office now in St. Catharines

By AMY NEILANDS
Staff Writer

Students travelling to a foreign country don't have to travel far to apply for a passport.

The new regional passport office in St. Catharines officially opened on Oct. 1. The office is at 43 Church St.

Doug Lewis, the federal minister for the Department of Public Security, officially opened the office, which began serving the public Oct. 4.

"Canadians can expect quality service from the passport office," said Lewis in a press release. "Extending passport services to residents of St. Catharines and the surrounding areas will encourage more applicants to apply for a passport in person."

The office is open Monday to Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fashion students bake their way to Big Apple

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

Second-year Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotions students held a treat sale on Oct. 8 to help offset the cost of a planned field trip to New York City in December.

The group will attend a three-day merchandising convention at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York.

The students will fly down on Dec. 3 and return Dec. 5, with each student responsible for the cost of their own return ticket.

"The money raised from this sale will go toward the cost of the rooms," said Andrea Haodley, 20, a second-year student in the program.

If the money raised exceeds the cost of the rooms, the students will use it toward an outing while in New York.

The total cost for each student is about $400.

The students of the Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotions program sponsored a fundraising car wash, which Hoadley said was successful. "Soon, we will also be selling chocolate-covered almonds" to help raise more funds for the trip, she said.

About 30 students are expected to make the excursion.

The Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotions program will be suspended from Niagara College's roster of programs next year, but will be reconfigured to offer more options to students and in turn more career opportunities.

Second-year Fashion Merchandising/Visual Promotions students, Andrea Hoadley (left) and Yvonne Barklay (right), display goodies to sell in order to raise money for group trip to New York City.
Photo by Donna Dolynsky

Making sure the devils are safe

The writers and editors of the Niagara News would like to remind parents to exercise caution with their children this Halloween. Remember to dress your children warmly, in bright, noticeable colors, and double check who they will be trick-or-treating with.

After the children make their rounds, remember to check all candy and food items they were given. If you suspect some items may have been tampered with, notify the proper authorities.

If you will be taking part in Halloween festivities this year, please remember not to drink and drive.

Have a happy, scary and safe Halloween!

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Make a statement-vote

Everyone complains about the government: what it does and what it doesn't do.

You have an opportunity to make a statement by who you vote for on Oct. 25, with several candidates to choose from.

The traditional parties, Liberal, Progressive Conservative and New Democratic Party are well publicized and represented. The three relatively new parties being Reform, National and Bloc Quebecois are publicized to a lesser degree and butchered by the traditional three.

The best way to be informed about each party is to listen to the leaders talk about their policies. But don't assume the truth is being spoken when one party butchers another as this scare tactic is used to gain votes.

Finally, you may feel there is no one worth voting for. Don't despair, you can still vote!

Go to the voting station with your registration card and say you'd like to register a non-vote or a protest vote. This way you're still using your right to vote and it will be counted.

Don't say there is no one worth voting for, make a statement and vote!

Monika Queckenstedt

Cast your vote Oct. 25

Don't be apathetic on Oct. 25!

It's important for each and every voter in the country to show up at the polls and vote.

Even though we may disagree with some of the policies of a particular party, each registered voter in Canada should let the politicians know who we, the citizens, think is the most qualified to run our country.

There are many concerns in this election. Everyone seems to be worried about the deficit, and job creation and no one party has the answers. But, it is important for us, the voters, to pick who we believe has the best plan to try to, not solve, but relieve some of the problems Canada is facing.

I know that a lot of people have the attitude 'don't vote you'll only encourage them,' but by not voting we may be doing more to jeopardize this country than help it.

So remember on election day that every vote counts, and by registering your vote, you could be changing the way this country is managed for years to come.

Leann McHutchion

To vote or not to vote

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

Three days from today you will be expected to do your part in deciding who will be the next prime minister of this country.

To vote or not to vote, that is the question.

After this decision is made, your next step is either forget about the whole thing and keep your mouth shut for the next four years or make the decision of who to vote for. With about 14 eligible parties to choose from, this could take awhile.

To simplify things, take a look at the top four parties in contention. Jean Chretien's Liberals, Kim Campbell's Progressive Conservatives, Audrey McLaughlin's New Democrats and Preston Manning's Reform Party.

The two major issues surrounding this election are job creation and deficit reduction.

Chretien is saying he will concentrate on creating jobs first with deficit reduction a close second. He also plans to trash the GST.

The No. 1 concern for Campbell is deficit reduction. Job creation strategies, similar to those of the Liberal Party, have previously been rejected by the Tories.

McLaughlin's NDPs are taking a tax the rich and help the not-so-well-off approach to their campaign. Immediate job creation, significant deficit reduction as well as scrapping the GST. Although similar, the NDP is offering more exact figures than the Grits or Tories.

The cut-and-slash approach by Manning is causing quite a stir in the political realm for many. Job creation will follow the Reform Party's assault on the deficit, with changes to unemployment insurance next on the list.

LET'S GET OUT AND VOTE!

VOTE

Other issues such as trade, social programs, health care and immigration may be of concern to you. If this is the case, I suggest you start making a few phone calls to local constituency offices to find out where they stand. If you don't ask the question, you may never find out the answer.

Then again, if you can't find a party that deserves your vote, there is always the Protest Ballot!

Give Blood Nov. 8

It's time to give the gift of life.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council is sponsoring a blood donor clinic Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gym of the Mackenzie building at the Welland campus.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 100 pounds (45 kg).

More details on the clinic, health criteria for donors and the "Corpsuckle Kids" will appear in the Nov. 5 edition of the Niagara News.

BE A REGULAR BLOOD DONOR

Set your clocks back Sunday

The days appear to be shorter as winter approaches.

On Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2 a.m., don't forget to set your clocks and watches back one hour for daylight savings time.

Get spooked at SAC pub

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

Things will be getting scary at Niagara College next Tuesday night.

Student Administrative Council will be having a Halloween pub in After Hours on Oct. 26. The event will be the first evening pub at Niagara in over a year.

There will be no cover charge and prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Refreshment specials will be offered.

"Hopefully we'll have a good turnout," said Brad Billard, SAC vp social.

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PERSPECTIVES

Candidates promising jobs for future

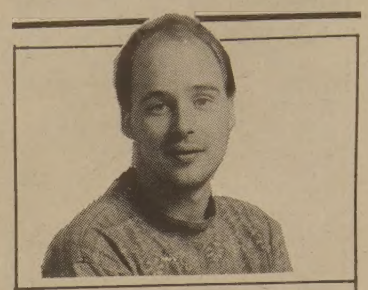
Jobs, jobs, jobs.

All the major parties in Monday's federal election are promising jobs. So while they may agree on what the No. 1 issue is, they certainly disagree on how to produce those jobs.

The Conservatives promise jobs through reducing the deficit. But the Tories base their promise on the economy growing much faster than many economists predict. Prime Minister Kim Campbell outlined a plan for reducing the deficit, but the numbers just don't make much sense. She said she would cut $6 billion over five years. But our annual deficit is estimated at more than $32 billion, so her numbers don't add up.

She also promises to make no cuts in social programs, no increases in taxes, and a balanced budget within five years.

The Liberals promise jobs through government spending. Jean Chretien said he plans on paying for this spending by cutting expenditures in other federal departments, which will no doubt lead to these departments laying off workers. Therefore,



By STEPHEN KRICK

Staff Writer

the Liberals will terminate current jobs to create new jobs, thus creating the illusion that the government is working on improving the employment problem, while in fact they are not. Chretien would not say he won't increase taxes. Instead, he said he may be forced to raise taxes three or four years from now if the need arises.

He also promises no cuts in social programs and a reduction in the deficit. Chretien would also like to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), although if elected he probably won't.

When it comes to the deficit, Chretien said creating employment comes before cutting the deficit. He does have a plan, but like the Tory plan, the numbers don't add up. And also like the Tories, too much hope is placed in unrealistic economic growth.

The NDP promises jobs through spending, and through scraping free trade with the U.S. and NAFTA. Audrey McLaughlin says now is not the time to cut the deficit, but we in Ontario have heard this song before with our own provincial NDP government, and look at the mess they've gotten us into with roughly an $11-billion deficit and more than a $40-billion provincial debt.

The NDP also promises to get rid of the Senate. McLaughlin says the Senate costs about $150 million a year and this tax money could be used elsewhere. Yet the federal government's annual budget is roughly $150 billion. So in reality, the Senate accounts for roughly 0.1 per cent of the federal government's overall budget. Thus scrapping the Senate for financial reasons is a non-issue. Furthermore, the Senate employees will become unemployed if the Senate is abolished.

DECISION '93

Government spending increases unemployment

The Reform Party promises jobs through a reduced deficit and spending cuts. Also, Reform leader Preston Manning has a detailed plan for cutting $19 billion from the deficit over three years.

As far as creating jobs through spending, at first Manning said he would not spend money to create jobs, but later he backtracked and said he would spend money to create jobs.

The Bloc Quebecois promises chaos and hopes to delay and suspend Parliament with the long-term objective of achieving separation. As to the Bloc's other promises, it matters little, after all we can't vote for them in Ontario. All that matters is that a separatist party intends on sitting in the House of Commons it hopes to destroy.

Governments cannot create employment without taking money from taxpayers, which means increasing taxes, which in turn takes spending money out of the hands of consumers, and consumption creates production. Thus any government that promises employment through spending will ultimately create higher unemployment.

ELECTIONS CANADA

Fighting for equality in a society of the '90s

Political correctness is getting a bum rap.

The words "politically correct" have become as four-lettered as feminism in the 1990s sincerity dictionary.

Some people are concerned with titles. Why is it that titles such as Doctor or French-Canadian are so readily accepted while Aboriginal-Canadian or Afro-American are spat upon with conservative venom?

Others believe you must be of the same race, gender or religion to unite in the struggle for progression. Excuse me, but with the exception of Looney-tunes I don't recall seeing any trees speaking out against deforestation or animals waving placards at the last animal-rights convention.

To some, politically correctness is viewed as harmful because of the misuse of the abilities of some politically-correct movements. I have seen these abusive tactics in presidents, "warlords" and feminists who wear their message like a badge. These politically-correct entrepreneurs consume any profit they can cheat out of their people while believing that what's good for them is good for everybody else.

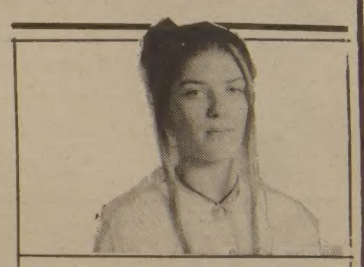
Believing political correctness is only about titles, sticking with your own kind or the material benefits of abusers is missing the whole point. If the politically correct cause society to question thier present reasoning concerning basic issues such as racism, we should applaude their efforts. It is obvious that those inflicted with politically-correct paranoia are in need of a spiritual awakening.

Racism remains to exist in our society not because of radical left-wing movements but because of those who fail to break away from the "group hug" in the middle that stunts growth and change. Without constant change society cannot move forward. The politically correct not only live to change but often lose their lives in the process.

It was the politically-correct journey of Martin Luther King that suggested the advantages to becoming color blind.

More recently, the politically-correct peoples of Oka and Kahnesatake guided the world down a path we had failed to recognize.

Until we can respect basic rights of all people, which the politically correct bring to our attention, will we be able to see each other not in separate classes but as human beings.



By JENN SHERIDAN

Staff Writer

We must remember that it has always been the politically correct who have carried the message of freedom.

Nail biting moment in baseball history

By TINA YOUNG

Staff Writer

Yes! Those Blue Jays have done it again.

Blue Jays are making history as well as going for the gold. Wednesday night's game put Canada on the map, America look out.

It was the highest scoring post-season game and had the most runs, 15 to 14 .

I feel pumped when getting ready to watch the Jays. The stress from a long day with my son and at college can finally be released. It is better than a massage by a gorgeous greek god. Okay it's not exactly the same.

Seriously, Toronto has the best-looking, best-athletic, best-determined ball players in baseball.

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We can't forget the famous Jay who lives at the SkyDome. No other than Roberto Alomar. He's great isn't he? Alomar can bring anyone to the ball park no matter what the weather is like.

The only thing the Jays don't have are overweight, tobacco chewing slobs that can't run. I'm not saying the Phillies are incapable of playing baseball in any sense of the word.

John Kruk looks like he swallowed all of New York state and savors the flavor while chomping. Catcher Darren Daulton is the hottest player on the team.

The Phillies are making the World Series enjoyable to watch. It's like watching another episode of Godzilla stomping on Tokyo.

The only thing here is that Godzilla will crush Philadelphia!

Making sense of college's curriculum

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Linda Armbrust is a top-notch schedular at Niagara College and its satellite campuses. For 23 years, the college has been a major part of her life.

Although employed in a number of positions at the college, she finds scheduling "to be the most challenging," said the 42-year-old Welland resident.

She has worked in the scheduling department for 10 years. She now works with as many as 13 directors in the college system, including college registrar Ivar Noren.

Her job includes handling 34 per cent of post-secondary programs, 33 per cent continuing education/ apprenticeship/ public programs and 33 per cent contract programs. Contract programs are outside organizations funded by provincial and federal governments.

Each year the college receives money from the federal and provincial governments to offer different programs.

"My assistant, Eileen Doolittle, and I are not only scheduling the Welland campus, but also many other areas, including the St. Catharines campus, the Horticulture Centre, the Mack Centre of Nursing, and the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. This also includes daytime and evening classes," she said.

Linda Armbrust is married, a mother and a career woman of the 1990s.

Photo by Elaine Doolittle

Outside of the college, her life is "very full." Armbrust is the program chairman at the Welland and District Club and was the past provincial president of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Ontario. "I am in these two organizations because I strongly believe in them," she said. The latter organization helps to improve the status of working women. She said she learned about the organization from her mother. She has been part of the organization or about 18 or 20 years.

Her family is also important to her. Armbrust is married and has two daughters, Bobbi Jo, 22, and Billi Jo, 18. She is "very much involved with their lives."

Her only regret she said is that she didn't have more children.

The Week of the Child

Pat Eversden leads the way for the college's day care centre children during a parade on Monday. The parade was the beginning of several daily events held to celebrate the Week of the Child.

Photo by Robin Green

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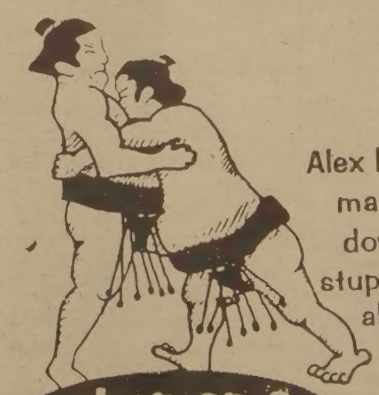

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Special Needs program hits home for student

By NOREEN BOND
Staff Writer

What is a special need?

A special need can be best described as a documented learning disability, a physical, visual or hearing impairment, a developmental handicap or social-emotional condition.

Educational Resources and Special Needs is a two-year program offered at Niagara College that is designed to prepare students to work as assistants in educational settings on a team where they are supporting special-need learners. Students are prepared to work in residential settings and in community-based programs for the developmentally or physically challenged.

In addition to receiving a diploma, students will have earned the majority of credits required towards a Developmentally Handicapped Service Worker Certificate. The remainder of the credits can be completed on a part-time basis.

Career opportunities include work as a teacher's assistant in elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational settings. Students pursuing a career in this field should have a strong desire to work with people of all ages and abilities and demonstrate interests through volunteer work and co-op.

"There are a lot of wonderful applicants 17 to 50 years of age in the program," says Elvira Lucas, program co-ordinator.

However, past experiences help deal with present situations.

Andrew John Bond, 24, has had to struggle all his life with various disabilities. Andy's problems began to surface when he was about two. My parents, Jack and Sandy, decided to fit Andy with hearing aids hoping there was just a minor hearing loss. But sadly, Andy would never hear the sounds of birds or television — nothing. The damage was permanent. Various doctors examined Andy, but the diagnosis was quite severe. Their little blond hair and brown-eyed boy was mentally handicapped. He also had Cerebral Palsy, a disease that attacks the central nervous system. Andrew was also non-verbal.

Andrew attended schools for the mentally challenged through most of his adolescence. Schools weren't integrated in the past like they are today. He had some rough times at school. Andy didn't like to sit and learn because he was so restless.

When Andy was 13 he began to have seizures. However, the seizures weren't epileptic, they were caused by frustration. He would become aggressive, putting his fists through walls and banging his head. Andy was self-abusive. One time, he became frustrated because he couldn't find an orange ball, so he placed his hand through a glass door. He was lucky, he came out with only minor cuts and scrapes. Andy was powerful, but unfortunately he didn't know his own strength. Today, Andy still has seizures, but they are not as violent.

As Andy has gotten older, his physical condition has worsened. He is now blind and wheelchair-bound. He can no longer feed himself and must rely on others to help him at all times. He is progressively deteriorating. Doctors are not optimistic about his future development. He has just recently developed water on the knee making his problems even worse.

Lewis Silvestri, an English teacher at Niagara College, had worked with Andy since the fall of 1988 to the summer of 1990 at the Bethesda Home for the mentally disabled in Vineland, Ont. "When he (Andy) would get upset, he would reach out for my left hand," says Silvestri, who has been teaching at the college for three years. "He would feel for my watch then he would calm right down." Andrew knew Lewis by his watch.

Andy did things that would always surprise people.

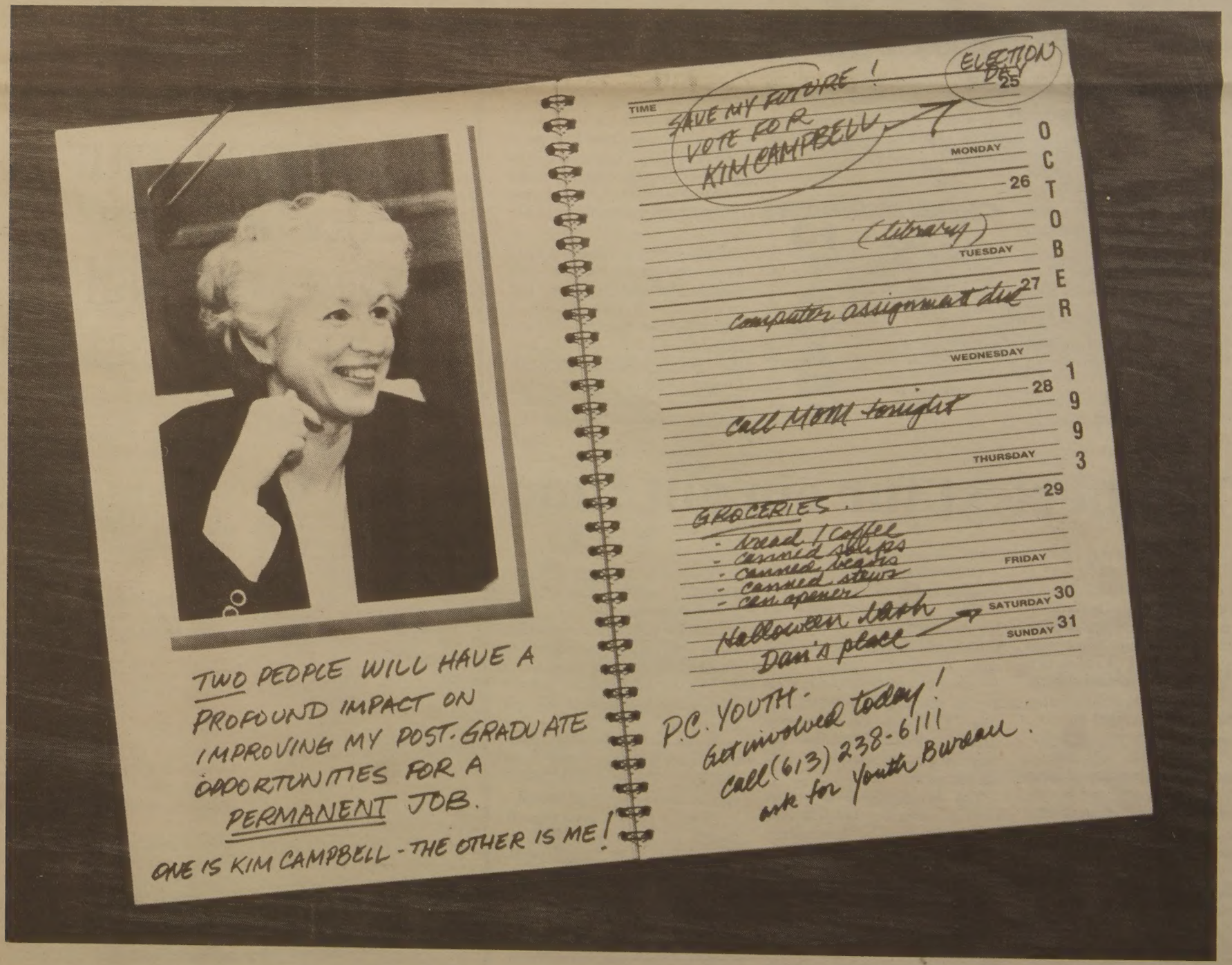
He is a lovable brother.

"I really liked working with Andy, it was a wonderful experience. Andy had a great sense of humor," says Silvestri.

Andy was adopted when he was three weeks old.

This is a brief column about my brother and what he means to our family. But more importantly, it is a column about how the students in the Educational Resources and Special Needs program can help people like my brother.

Andrew Bond shown in recent photo.
Photo by Noreen Bond



Date rape: modern word for old problem

By PEGGY TEDDER
Staff Writer

It's the kind of pain that doesn't go away. It's something you never understand, forgive or forget. It changes your life forever, you may never feel safe again.

Date rape - women raped by men they don't know. "If you are a woman, your risk of being raped by someone you know is four times greater than your risk of being raped by a stranger," says Ms. magazine. These rapes are no recent campus fad or the fantasy of a few jilted females. They are real, and they are happening everywhere.

Last year the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre in St. Catharines saw more than 700 clients. However, "it is estimated that only five to 10 per cent of rapes are reported to police or agencies," says Kim Regehr, 25, a case counsellor and public education co-ordinator for the centre.

Regehr says there is a problem with defining rape, as the word rape is not used in the criminal code. It is called sexual asault and is addressed on three levels: simple sexual assault - anything from threats to actual forced intercourse or touching; aggravated sexual assault - more threatening physical assault with increased physical violence and sexual assault with a weapon.

The most vulnerable age group is 16 to 24, which is the most common dating group. Date or acquaintance rape is done by someone who is known to you, trust has been established before the incident occurs. It is the most prevalent rape crime today.

'Well, she didn't say stop, so she must have meant go. I hear it all the time, we get about 100 calls a day.' McGloin

Rape that occurs on dates or between people who know each other should not be seen as some sort of misguided sexual adventure. Rape is violence, not seduction. The aggressor makes a decision to force his victim to submit to what he wants. The rapist believes he is entitled to force sexual intercourse from a woman and he sees interpersonal violence as an acceptable way to achieve his goal. Many men are socialized to be sexually aggressive.

"There is a very pervasive idea in society in general that women must be sexy in order to attract a man. If you use it, it can be used against you," says Regehr.

Drugs and alcohol may play an integral role in some sexual assaults. When intoxicated, a woman's perceptions about what is happening around her and to her become blurred., She may rely on other people to take care of her, to see that she gets home safely. An intoxicated man may become more sexually aggressive, more violent and less interested in what the woman wants than when he's sober.

"When someone is intoxicated they cannot legally give consent, if the person doesn't say yes, nothing else means yes. There must be equal power in the relationship, if this does not exist and sex occurs, there isn't consent," says Regehr.

We live in a society where we blame the victim first. One can only imagine the confusion of a victim of date rape? When you know someone, you believe that they will not do this to you. "What often happens is that the woman blames herself, 'how could I not know they would do this to me?' It is difficult to have faith in yourself if you couldn't judge what would happen to you," says Regehr.

"At the centre we teach empowerment and self-determination. We help our clients to feel safe again and establish boundaries."

The centre serves the Niagara Region for Women 16 and older. "Each person reacts differently, support counselling helps determine how this happened, removes self-blame and teaches clients how to deal with guilt, confusion, fears and manipulation."

Clients do not have to tell the police if they don't want to. "Women are more apt to prosecute if it is a stranger, if they know the person, they wonder what they did to ask for this. The justice system does not identify the fact that we can be sexually assaulted by people we know, love, care about and trust."

As far as police reaction is concerned, Regehr says there are good and bad police, some are educated on this subject and some are not. Some want to learn, other's don't. We have some wonderful police officers in the NRP, but then there's the ones who ask "what were you wearing? Why were you there?"

"It is important to remember that the NRP represents a good cross-section of society, you can't change everyone's attitudes," says Staff Sgt. McGloin, St. Catharines detachment, NRP. "However we expect police officers to behave on a higher level than the ordinary man on the street due to their training and respect for the law. They are educated in this regard."

McGloin says one of the biggest problems concerning date rape is implied consent. "Well, she didn't say stop, so she must have meant go. I hear it all the time, we get about 100 calls a day. Consent must be given."

McGloin used the example of a visit to the doctor or dentist. The physician has intimate contact with our body, but we have given consent. "Nothing else is acceptable."

The police encourage women, as victims of crime to notify them, to proceed with laying charges and see the positive effects this will have. "They must be the ones to lay the charges, it happened to them. It is then my job to stand behind them to the utmost degree," says McGloin.

The Niagara Regional Assault Centre is located at 60 James St., Suite 503 in St. Catharines. The 24-hour crisis line is-(905)-682-4584, call collect within Niagara Region if necessary.

Crime Stoppers seek arsonist

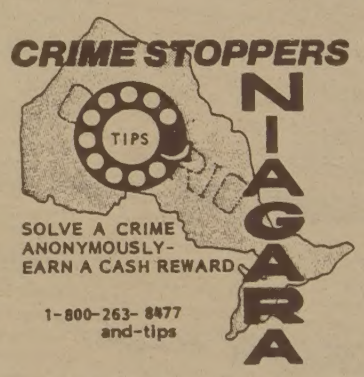
Crime Stoppers and police investigators are searching for information to help solve a recent Grimsby arson.

At about 6:30 a.m. Sept. 15, police and fire officials were dispatched to a house fire on Sobie Road. The vacant house was totally destroyed by the blaze and damages are estimated at $75,000.

Investigators have no suspects at this time.

Arson is a crime that can inadvertently lead to someone's death. Fortunately, however, no one was injured during the Sobie Road blaze.

Each year, arson causes millions of dollars in property damage throughout the country. People are sometimes left homeless and there is a serious risk to firefighters who are called to battle intentionally set fires.



Crime Stoppers wants to help combat this crime. If you have information about this arson, or any other crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-8477, that's 1-800-AND-TIPS to be eligible for a cash award up to $1,000. In all cases, you will not have to reveal your identity.

Niagara Regional Police Service, in co-operation with Crime Stoppers Niagara Inc., writes this column to help combat crime. A citizen board administers the local program. Reward money is raised through tax-deductible donations. Cheques may be sent to Crime Stoppers of Niagara Inc., P.O. Box 1086, St. Catharines, Ont. L2R 7A3.

Oktoberfest fur ein gut time

By TOM BRANK
Staff Writer

Oktoberfest's student night maintained its reputation for good times.

Three packed party buses from Niagara College and Brock University joined thousands of students in a huge party at the Twist in Kitchener-Waterloo Oct. 14.

Eager students began the festivities before buses left the St. Catharines parking lot. Enroute many students consumed beverages and chanted, "Zicke Zacke, Zicke Zacke, Hoi! Hoi! Hoi!", to the bus driver's delight.

Arriving at the Twist, students cheered and hurried inside the mammoth building stretching the length of two football fields. Some students took to the dance floor or casinos while others headed for the bar.

Oktoberfest was in full swing for Niagara College students.

"This is incredible!" said Gilda Gaitan, a second-year Early Childhood Education program student.

"It's awesome. I just love it. What a great place to let yourself go!" said Rob Zupan, 19, a first-year Broadcast, Radio, Television, Film program student, sporting a green hat and a grin.

The band played swinging German melodies. Bavarian food was washed down by plenty of beer. The party lasted till the morning hours.

Many students enjoyed meeting others from different schools. For Brigitte Robichaud, a Travel and Tourism in French program student, it was a great way to start a conversation.

"I've met so many types of people. I'll be back next year for sure," said Robichaud.

Jim Diodati, trip co-ordinator from Instant Atmosphere Productions, said the event was a success. He said students find out Oktoberfest is "one wild, fun and friendly party!"

How many students made morning classes on Friday? How many planned to? Certainly, their experience is one to share with friends.

"It was a hootin' good time. A chance for everyone to become German for a night," said Diodati.

Diodati said the student response had been so good he plans to organize other trips for Niagara College students. Events may include a ski trip to Holiday Valley, and a Florida trip for spring break.

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SAC appoints new reps

By GREG FURMINGER
Staff Writer

Student Administrative Council meetings will have a greater attendance with the appointment of student representatives Matthew Lococo, Jeff Poulin and Kerrie Cooper.

The trio was selected from program representatives who volunteered to attend monthly information meetings to relay facts to their individual programs about SAC activities.

Program reps "act as a link between programs and student council," said Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison.

As student reps, the newly appointed will sit at regularly scheduled SAC meetings and vote on all agenda items, while maintaining their roles as program reps. Reps also provide their services for special events when needed, but unlike elected SAC members, they are not required to put in a set amount of working hours per week and do not earn a salary.

DiMattio said student reps "get to see what SAC is all about" and being a rep provides "good training" for those interested in running for SAC towards the end of the winter term.

Cris Margeson, SAC executive vice president, said he hopes student reps run for council next year.

Lococo, 21, is a second-year Manufacturing-Engineering Technology Co-op program student from Niagara Falls. He said he may possibly run for SAC next year, but for now he just wants "to be a part of the decision-making process with regard to student activities." Lococo is also looking into running as treasurer for the college's Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Poulin, 21, of Welland said he is interested in SAC because the experience should help develop leadership skills he will need when looking for a job. Poulin is a first-year Business-Retail Management program student who would like to run for SAC next year although he said it depends on his involvement in a new business organization at the college, the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs.

Cooper is a 26-year-old Health Records Technician program student from Fort Erie. "It's nice to be involved in things going on," she said, about her appointment as student rep. "I'm there to help."

Facility off to running start

By ADELE NAGY
Staff Writer

A running track and slo-pitch diamond will be developed as a joint project between Niagara College and the City of Welland on college lands. The college contributed $15,000 and the City of Welland allocated $75,000 to the project.

Polarized views were expressed by members of the city council and hopes were expressed that future plans to develop the recreational project would be on a grander scale.

Coun. Vincent Bellantino said this project was taking place on college-owned land and the recreational facility could have been developed in parks belonging to Welland. He said the city council should get the college to commit money for future projects. He said he felt $15,000 is not enough and the college should match the contribution of the city. Coun. Bellantino said the college is not making a commitment for any other business proposition.

Other councillors said they felt the college is making a commitment by taking a 25-year lease with the Ministry of Parks and Recreation. Coun. Joe Spadafora said the land the college is providing is worth more than $15,000, thus matching Welland's contribution.

In non-college related council events, Welland Mayor Dick Reuter said he had attended a sod turning on Sept. 15 for a new transit building in downtown Welland, and that the "structure is half up now." He said that it was a "very important day for us. A milestone in our community."

Mayor Reuter mentioned the Trentway-Wagner bus line will soon be providing service from Welland to Toronto and that "businesses in the downtown core look at this as a very powerful signal."

Counselling department, more than just counselling for college students

By ANGELA KOTLARZ
Staff Writer

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word *counselling?* If it's mental health or mental stability then you're closing the door to a lot of valuable services being provided by your own Niagara College's Counselling Department, located in ME103.

There are many misconceptions and stigmas attached to the word counselling. In an effort to dispell some of these myths, on-going articles, featuring the various services provided in the Counselling Department, will be appearing in the up-coming articles of the Niagara News. They will be written in conjunction with Dave Rapelje, a counsellor in the Counselling Department.

"A lot of people fall into the belief that counselling strictly involves the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders or personal problems but this is a very small part of what counselling at Niagara College stands for," said Rapelje.

Broader services include such things as testing, career counselling and job planning, assistance with academic difficulties or personal problems, career information and group counselling services.

"We try to provide a well-rounded service to the students and we want to open the door to those people who would otherwise feel hesitant to come throught it," he said.

Niagara College Counselling Services falls under the responsibilities of Carol Boettcher, vice-president of student life and human resources, and Glenn Pevere, the college's director of Student Services. In the Department of Counselling there are four full-time counsellors and two part-time counsellors. These people are responsible for the counselling services provided at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses, the Mack Nursing Education Centre, the Horticultural Centre, the Hospitality and Tourism Centre and Mount Carmel.

A lot of the intense counselling that goes on is done through hospitals and out-patient clinics, said Rapelje, whereas the Counselling Centre at Niagara College is more of a student-oriented support service. "We want to allow students, who are fee-payers and have these services available to them for free, to see that these support services do exist," he said.

It's important that students have an understanding of what counselling entails, said Rapelje, and this will allow students to re-examine the term counselling and what it represents.

Welcome to the great pumpkin patch

By SALLY BOND
Staff Writer

A sharp knife and a bright imagination can turn an ordinary pumpkin into a work of art.

Bryan Durst, owner of The Great Pumpkin Patch located 3.5 km on Foss Road in Fenwick, is hoping area residents are ready to let their imaginations run wild.

During the May 24 weekend, Durst planted pumpkin seeds across 15 acres of land. The pumpkins need more over 100 days to reach their full size.

Today, he has almost 20,000 pumpkins, which sell for between 50 cents and $12.

The pumpkins, which have been grown on the farm for 75 years, are sold to farmers' markets and grocery stores, though Durst says he is "trying to sell a lot of them from the farm this year."

Sales "have been going steady" since the patch opened Sept. 25 with more than 2,500 people visiting the farm on the Thanksgiving weekend, he says.

The tradition of the jack o' lantern dates back to Irish folklore.

Just a few of the almost 20,000 pumpkins available at The Great Pumpkin Patch.
Photo by Sally Bond

According to legend, following his death, Jack was too greedy for heaven but because of a trick he played on the devil, wasn't welcome in hell either. To consol him, the devil gave Jack a lighted coal from hell. The coal was placed in a turnip to be used to light a path as Jack searched for his final resting place.

The turnip has been replaced with a pumpkin in North America and is now as much a part of Halloween as trick or treating is.

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Stay-In-School ad 'chilling' for audience

By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

A chilling government commercial recently shared movie screens with the likes of Arnold Swarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone.

The commercial is part of a new advertising campaign undertaken by the federal Ministry of State for Youth and Cineplex Odeon designed to help keep students in school. The theatre chain agreed to run the commercial before feature films in 148 theatres across the country. The campaign is aimed at youth aged 12 to 17 who have dropped out of school or are thinking about it.

"The federal government's message to young people is that it's their decision as to whether they stay in school or not, but an education will make it easier for youth to open doors to better jobs and better futures," said Minister of State for Youth Pierre Cadieux.

The commercial, which is running on Canadian television stations, depicts a young girl having a nightmare. Office doors close just as she approaches them because she doesn't have a high school diploma. She awakens and realizes that dropping out of school is an unwise decision.

'Local reaction was negative.' ALAN GILDAY

Marci Davies, assistant vice-president of marketing for Cineplex Odeon, explained the rationale behind the commercials. "Movie theatres are an ideal venue for the Stay-In-School message because 84 per cent of 12 to 17 year olds attend movies. The commercial has been seen by almost 6.5 million people."

The campaign included a poster and pamphlet display in each theatre emphasizing the importance of staying in school. Moviegoers had a chance to win a year's supply of movie passes, courtesy of Cineplex Odeon.

Local reaction was negative. A spokesman for a local theatre, who did not wish to be identified, felt the timing of the campaign was off. "They should have done it in October or November when kids that have fallen behind are thinking about dropping out. Most people couldn't see the sense of handing out the pamphlets." The spokesman, who is a former dropout himself, questioned whether the commercial was an effective deterrent to students. Canada's high school drop out rate is about 30 per cent.

Time to question gun-control

Citizens need to live in peace

By ELAINE DOOLITTLE
Staff Writer

Since the death of Sudbury police officer Joseph MacDonald earlier this month, Ontario Solicitor General David Christopherson has suggested that the firepower for Ontario police officers might be "beefed up" to semi-automatic handguns.

Officer MacDonald was beaten and shot after stopping a car for speeding. Another officer was killed in Calgary after being hit by a sports car at a police blockade. The officer at the time was trying to stop the vehicle when the driver of the car sped through the barricade striking him.

Although other police officers have been killed in the line of duty in the past, the Ontario government has not reacted in the manner it has in the MacDonald example. The province now wants to bring in more powerful weapons for officers to use. Weapons that will kill instantly when an officer has to shoot.

The need for more powerful weapons is not how the government should react after an officer is killed. They should move more quickly to crack down on the amount of crime and poverty in our system, and not bring in more powerful weapons, which only makes society think that police officers are becoming scared and need to be better equipped.

Semi-automatic weapons aren't the answer to anything. What kind of war do they want to create with the drug dealers and street gangs out there? They (gangs and drug dealers) will carry even stronger guns knowing that the cops have them. Will it ever end? Are we reliving the gun-slinging days of the Wild West where people shot to kill and didn't even think twice about who they just killed?

The more powerful weapons both sides have, the more innocent people will be caught in the crossfire.

In the 1990s, our system needs tougher gun-control. Citizens should be able to live in peace and not in fear of being hit by a stray bullet.

Wampum Friendship Treaty

First-year Human Relations student Chris Shawnoo and daughter Willow help to plant the Tree of Peace.
Photo by Jenn Sheridan

Niagara College helps United Way meet goals

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

Vacation days and dress-down days will help Niagara College meet its United Way goal of $25,000. The campaign, begun Oct. 4, runs till Nov. 19.

Cathy Weir, Niagara College's campaign chairperson, said she is "mainly positive" about reaching the goal. However, she says it's possible Ontario Premier Bob Rae's social contract may negatively affect the campaign.

Weir said she is concerned faculty, support staff, and administration people may be less inclined to contribute because of losing money through mandated non-paid days off.

"Of course we have to be optimistic," she added, "and do the best we can for a worthwhile cause."

The United Way of South Niagara funds over 80 health and social service agencies in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and South Niagara including Welland, Pelham, Port Colborne, and Wainfleet.

The organization is "very dedicated to serving not only its volunteers but also its member agencies," said Weir, marketing associate of Niagara College's Ventures Division.

United Way provides funding for family support agencies such as Big Brothers of South Niagara Inc. and counselling agencies such as the Canadian Mental Health Association.

It also funds medical research and disability agencies such as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and emergency assistance agencies such as the Canadian Red Cross Society.

Last year, Niagara College raised $25,020 with an extended campaign through Student Administrative Council contributions, dress-down days, vacation day draws and an earth ball challenge for faculty and students.

This year, Student Administrative Council will donate $150 to the United Way campaign

Faculty, support staff and administration of the college may contribute to the United Way through payroll deductions or one-time donations payable by cash or cheque. Pledge cards were also distributed to retirees and part-time staff.

The United Way Vacation Day Draw was approved by the college again this year after running for two years, said Weir.

Contributions from full-time staff by noon on the draw day make the donor eligible for vacation days. Names remain in the draw for the length of the campaign.

Support staff member Angie Hiller, who recently moved from the Media and Design division to start full time at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls, won five vacation days in the first draw on Friday, Oct. 15.

Other draw prizes include four, three, and two vacation days to be announced today, Oct. 29, and Nov. 5 respectively. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the college newsletter In Touch.

Vacation days must be approved by the winners' supervisor and taken by Nov. 1, 1994.

United Way Dress-Down Days at the college are today, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 to raise funds for this year's campaign.

Participants give $1 for each dress-down day to the United Way canvasser in their division. Staff are given buttons with the slogan "Casual for Today for the United Way" to indicate why they are dressed down.

Dress-down days "have proved popular" among staff, said Weir. Staff have expressed interest in continuing dress-down days for the rest of the school year after the campaign ends Nov. 19.

Sue Bartlett, canvasser for the college library, said 50 per cent of library staff participated in the first dress-down day on Oct. 8.

Bartlett, who has been a United Way canvasser for three years, says the United Way is "an efficient way of providing help to a big pool of people through one central resource."

Logo symbolizes hope

By JILLIAN WATSON
Staff Writer

The United Way symbol, used yearlong, comes into focus during campaign time, said Gary Clements, executive director of United Way of South Niagara.

The "helping hand" symbol is used by United Ways worldwide.

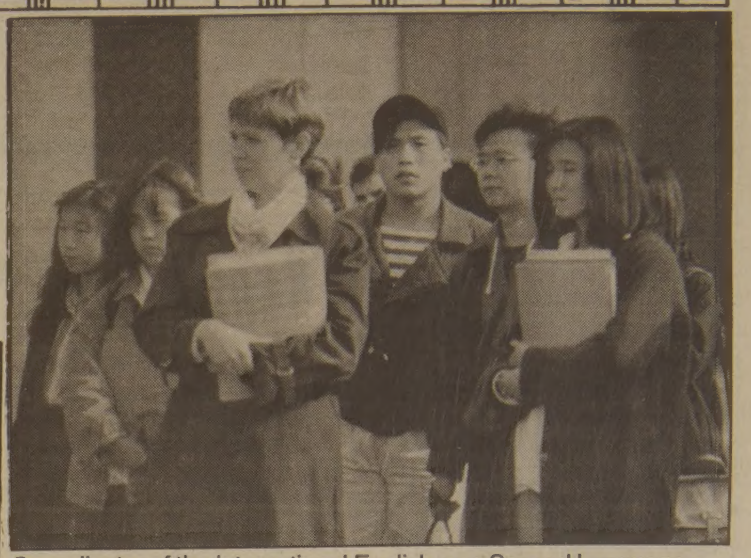
The hand symbolizes services and programs provided by member agencies through United Way donations.

The symbol of mankind, cradled by the helping hand, shows people are touched by the United Way.

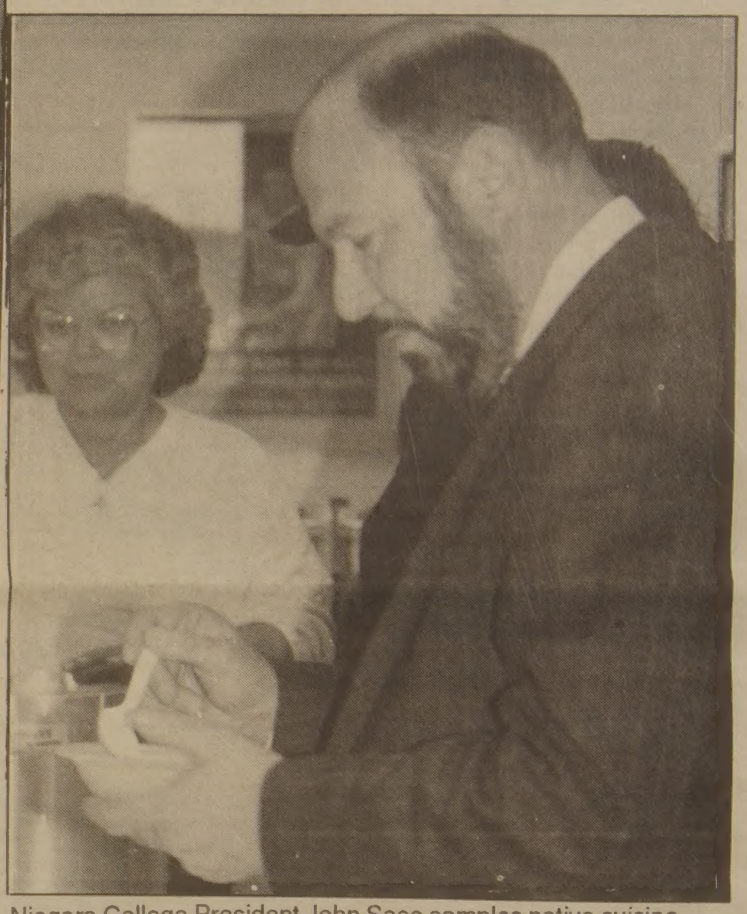
The rainbow symbolizes hope for a better life through the United Way.

Wampum symbolizes native equality at college

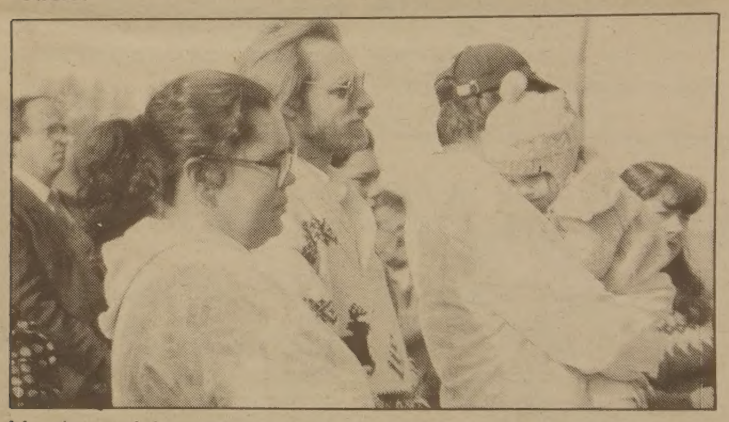
From left elders LaVerna Clause and Emily Diagneauly, John Saso, Niagara College president, Jake Thomas, a Cayauga chief, Bernard Beril, chairman of the Niagara College Board of Governors, and Jesse Garlow, chairperson of the college's Aboriginal Education Management Circle.



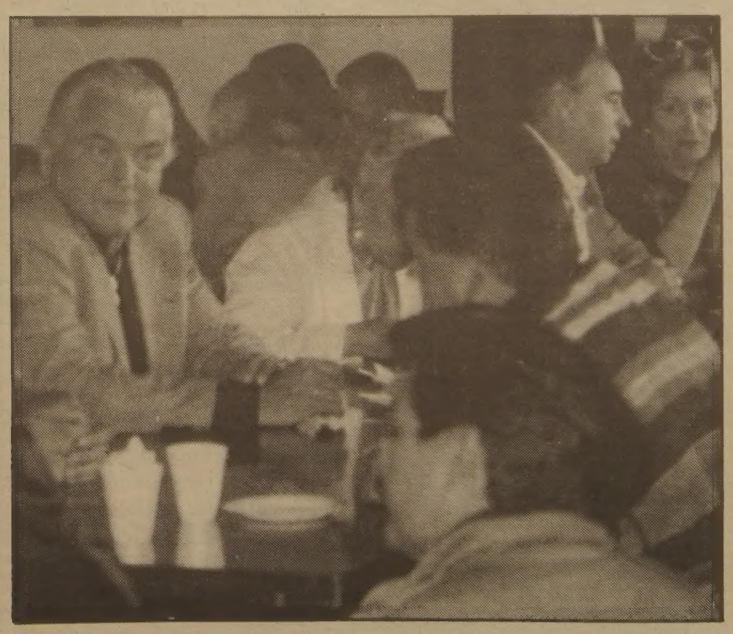
Co-ordinator of the International English as a Second Language program, Susan Vandenboom, views the ceremony along with a group of international students.



Niagara College President John Saso samples native cuisine.



Members of the native community watch as the Great White Pine is planted.



Jesse Garlow dines with members of the native community in the Black Walnut building's staff lounge.

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College President John Saso accepted the Wampum on behalf of the college and in return offered a perpetual scholarship for native students attending the college.

"This great honor is certainly something that is most touching. (The Wampum) will be displayed at a place of honor at the college," said Saso. "I am delighted that the equal partnership began and has reached the point where our friends and colleagues in the native community see Niagara College as a growing part of their life."

Criteria for eligibility of the scholarship will be determined by the native community through the Management Circle at the college.

"The tree will (stand) as a reminder of our trust...we will always remember the (Wampum) the college made with the community," said Bernard Beril, chairman of the college's Board of Governors.

Presiding elder Jake Thomas, a Cayauga chief and a member of Mohawk College's Board of Governors from Hamilton, opened the ceremony by reciting a native prayer in Mohawk that gave thanks to the Creator for his gifts.

"We give great gratitude to (when) many moons ago, many great, different prophets that came to us and brought what we call Peace, Power and Righteousness. It's how we bring great nations together and do away with the warfare," said Thomas.

Together people were invited to join the celebration by placing soil beneath the Tree of Peace. Close by, a fire burned tobacco carrying the prayers of the people to the Creator.

"Students can pass this on, that the tree can be your friend and to us it can be medicine," said elder LaVerna Clause, a member of the Management Circle. "When we are weak it will give us strength. When there is sorrow in our community, it will give us strength. When there is sickness, you can use the needles from the tree to wash your eyes to see better so you don't pass on sadness," said Clause.

The union concluded with a traditional native feast in the Black Walnut building of the college. The feast, prepared by the Native Women's Social Group, consisted of corn soup, bannock biscuits, salmon sandwiches and fruitpies.

"I think it's about time people come together," said elder Emily Daigneauly. "It's not every day you get food like this."

The tree, which was donated by Niagara Parks Commission, stands between the Simcoe Building and the campus bar After Hours.

The five native organizations involved with the Management Circle include the Ganewageeh Homes, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, Ontario Native Women's Association, Oonuhseh Homes and the Niagara Regional Native Centre.

"We are charged with the responsibility to ensure the continued and enhanced availability of education to our people," said Garlow. "We shall gain strength and endurance to face the many challenges that lay ahead of us in our efforts to achieve positive results," he said.

The Circle hopes the native community and Niagara College hold the Wampum Friendship Treaty sacred so that in future, beneath the branches of the Tree of Peace, all nations will gather free.

Photos by Leann McHutchion

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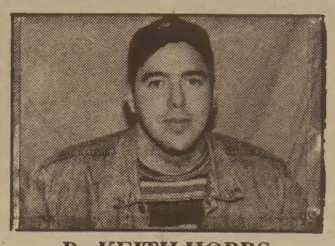
The team that time forgot



By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

Beer drinkers against sippers of milk, tough and tarnished against shiny and smooth, the foul and pungent against the sickeningly sweet.

The Philadelphia Phillies against the Toronto Blue Jays. The team that time forgot against the team that money bought.

Here's to the long hair, tobacco spitters of Broad Street. Let us hope that for the sake of the every day Joe that the Phillies win. I'm writing this with anticipation for the first game, by the time you read it I may or may not be eating my words.

With a Philly win, baseball will be shown for what it really is— a game that can be played by anyone and not just a game for steroid pumped babies who feel that they are bigger than the game.

Don't get me wrong the Blue Jays are a fine team, the only soft spot in their batting order is John Olerud's head. Then there is Dave Stewart's stare of death, it would be a lot more effective if you didn't know that he has the voice of RuPal.

Things I'd like to see this world series:

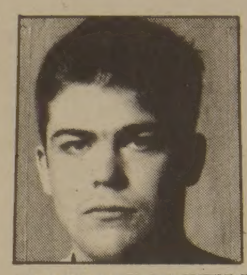
One, Roberto Alomar get pelted with McCain juice cans, still frozen of course. Alomar exudes everything that is wrong with baseball. He is a smarmy, preening doughboy who thinks the world is in his jock-strap.

Two, Rickey (I broke my hand, ya that's the ticket) Henderson take a ball of his ego, not a difficult task considering the size. Any true fan of the Jays would rather see Hendo in a German prison camp than help the jays to victory, never have so many forgotten so much so soon. Rickey and Robbie should take a few of their dollars and buy english lessons, ju know wha aye meen.

Three, I hope any person with one of those hats that look like the head of a bluejay takes a screaming liner off the melon. That would be as close to a religious experience as I would ever come.

The Blue Jays, a bird familiar with eating the young of other birds, will be feasting on crow this world series.

Henderson - the man Toronto loved to hate



By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

How soon we forget.

Do you remember that pompus goof from Oakland who used to kill the Jays come playoff time? You know, the guy who flaunted victory in the most sickening way. The hot dog. The mouthpiece. The man Toronto used to love to hate. Well then, why are you cheering for him now?

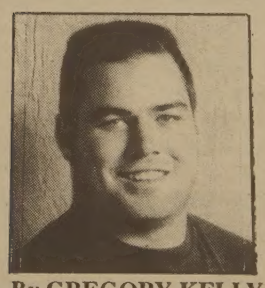
Toronto is the only town in baseball that would welcome a time honored enemy like Rickey Henderson with open arms.

Henderson, who sees a marvelous chance to fatten his pocketbook and win a World Series, would have been a fool to pass up a chance to play with the World Champion Blue Jays. Almost as big a fool as Pat Gillick was for hiring him.

And now we find our beloved Jays in the midst of a World Series battle, and little Rickey is enjoying the ride. There is speculation that Cito will pull Ed Sprague, placing Paul Molitor at third, in order that Rickey can play in Philadelphia. Why not? Sprague was of no use to us last year in winning the World Series, and with the numbers that superstar Rickey is chalking up, how can he be denied?

Henderson has done nothing for the ballclub. If he does manage to make a catch, which is a rare occurrence, he embarrasses us all with that showboat, glove flapping move of his. Even if Henderson was to catch fire and go on to have a spectacular series, it would only benefit his case for free agency next year, all the while tainting a World Series we could have won without him. If he does not, he'll feign some injury and sneak out of here with a ring.

Bull's star calls it quits



By GREGORY KELLY
Staff Writer

AnJordan has landed.

Chicago Bull star Michael Jordan retired on Oct. 6, after nine incredible years in the National Basketball Association (NBA). Players, officials and most of all fans were shocked and saddened by his announcement.

While his retirement seems untimely, Jordan really could not have picked a more successful point in his career to retire. After three consecutive NBA championship titles, three MVP awards, seven scoring titles and numerous other accolades, Jordan has proven he is the greatest player ever to step on the basketball court.

His decision to step out of the limelight, on the basketball court anyway, was greatly influenced by the murder of his father James Jordan this past summer.

One can only respect the decision to retire, but does anybody really believe that Jordan will never be back? Jordan left the game as the league's marquee player. The money from endorsements has been increasing each year and so has his level of play.

Jordan is a competitor. Once over the grief he is experiencing because of the loss of his father, he will start to get the itch all competitive athletes get. Jordan is not your average competitor; the itch may be even stronger for him to come back and once again dominate his game.

Obviously, there is hope that Jordan will return and be refocused, fresh and ready to play. But, if he does stay committed to his decision to retire, then all sports fans will have to appreciate the power, style and grace of the flight we were able to experience. It was called AirJordan.

Toronto to get first NBA franchise

By LEANN MCHUTCHION
Staff Writer

Professional basketball is coming back to Canada.

The National Basketball Association has all but rubberstamped the approval for a franchise team in Toronto.

Four Toronto area business groups placed bids with the NBA Board of Governors last month in hopes of attaining the first NBA franchise outside of the United States. John Bitove Jr., backed by former provincial premier David Peterson and Standard Broadcasting beat other bidders — one group which included former Los Angeles Laker Magic Johnson.

The Board of Governors has favored Toronto as a place of expansion since it was announced the city was interested in making a bid for a team over a year ago.

Last October, the Chicago Bulls took on the Sacramento Kings at the SkyDome as a test to see if fans in Toronto would support professional basketball in the city. After more than 30,000 fans turned out to witness the exhibition game, the Board of Governors began to support the idea of a Canadian team with great enthusiasm.

Toronto's team all but rubber-stamped

On Sept. 30, the 27-member NBA Board of Governors unanimously recommended that Toronto be awarded a franchise. This decision will be rubberstamped by the Board on Nov. 9 in New York City.

When asked if he thinks the NBA will make it in Canada, Chris Shawanoo, 20, a Human Relations program student at Niagara College, said "as far as basketball goes in Canada, it was created by a Canadian, but I don't think it will be as large as the NHL."

How can such a rapidly growing league not do well in the country where the game originated? The first professional basketball game was played at Maple Leaf Gardens with the Toronto Huskies playing the New York Knickerbockers (now known as the Knicks).

The team may soar if placed in the Midwest Division along with the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Dallas Mavricks. The only division where they may run into tough competition is the Central Division along with the "three-peat" World Champion Chicago Bulls and the Charlotte Hornets.

The 1995-96 season will see the newest NBA team entering the league. With the support of basketball fans in Canada, the new team could be the start of a worldwide push for NBA expansion.

Unbeaten Knights win gold

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At the same time, the Mohawk Mountaineers of Hamilton were defeated by the St. Lawrence Vikings of Kingston 21-22.

In the second game, the Knights became OCAA champions as they won against the Vikings 46-26.

Niagara received gold medals and a trophy, while the Vikings earned silver medals.

Meanwhile, the Mountaineers and the Schooners battled for the bronze medal. The final score after overtime was 9-8 and the Mohawk team walked away with the bronze.

David Nethersole, 20, and Merv Wrighton, 27, each scored two touchdowns in the final game while Jason Reynolds, 20, Chris Breen, 24, and John Nicholson, 21, each scored one.

The Vikings quarterback threw six interceptions during the final game.

Wrighton led the defence with two interceptions while Nicholson, Nethersole, Reynolds and Lamar Van Dusen, 20, each added one.

"I told you I could," said cornerback Reynolds to assistant coach Randy Conlon after reaching his personal goal by scoring a major on his interception.

The Knights were ecstatic when Nethersole flew past the Vikings' defence to score a touchdown.

"That was about an 80-yard (73-metre) touchdown!" said Conlon. "Yes! I am loving this!"

"That was amazing!" said Niagara quarterback Dan MacNab, 20.

While taking a break, Nethersole said, "I think I'm the quickest not the fastest (player). Being quick in my position (rusher) helps a lot."

Teamwork was the key, said Conlon. "There's not one guy on the team who won it for us, it was every single guy."

"I'm relieved because we had a lot of pressure on us to win," MacNab said. "The defence kept us in the game and the offence put the points on the board."

The awards were presented during a banquet at Sneakers, the St. Lawrence College bar.

The Niagara College Touch Football Team. **Photo by Monika Queckenstedt**

Knights beat Erie 6-0

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

It was hockey knight in Niagara.

The Niagara Knights hockey team won its first exhibition game 6-0 against Buffalo, N.Y.'s Erie Community College (ECC) last Saturday.

Six players were thrown out of the game—one after 30 seconds.

The Knights were called for an offside 29 seconds into the game. Niagara's Scott Punnett shot the puck against the boards just after referee Dan Simoneau's whistle and was given a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Punnett protested, receiving a game misconduct.

About a minute later, Peter Canney from ECC was ejected for checking from behind and before the period was over, three others were ejected for the same infraction. Jason Buote was the only Knight ejected for the penalty, which is new to college hockey.

Despite a lack of players, the Knights cruised to the win with a hat trick from Dave Crane and solid goaltending from Dave Boalton and Rob Le Maitre.

Crane's second goal at the start of the third period broke the game wide open as it put the Knights up 3-0 and seemed to demoralize the Erie team. The floodgates opened and Niagara scored three more third-period goals.

"This is a different hockey team this year. I think you're going to see a better hockey team than you saw last year," said Bassi.

The Niagara Knights won this face-off and won the game 6-0. They beat Erie Community College at Welland Arena on Saturday, Oct. 16. **Photo by Stuart McDonald**

Ski buffs wanted

By FRANK SERRA
Staff Writer

Attention skiers!

The Niagara College Ski Club wants you. Skiers have until Nov. 1 to get a special season pass, which includes: nine visits to Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, N.Y., eight ski lessons, equipment packages at reduced rates, as well as one free visit to Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua.

The visits apply to weekdays only.

The cost of the package is $125 U.S.

For more information, contact Marilyn Goulding at ext. 7467 or pick up your application form at the dental clinic in the Simcoe building, Welland campus.

V-ball coach needed

For women's team

By CRAIG LITCHFIELD
Staff Writer

Niagara College is looking for a new coach for the women's volleyball team from Oct. 15 to March 20, 1994.

Judy Halaiko, the team's previous coach, will be busy co-ordinating the new Recreation Leadership course set for January, and a suitable replacement is needed.

Applicants must have a Level 2 coaching certificate, five years of recent coaching experience, two of which should be with atheletes in their late teens and early 20s, and a valid driver's licence.

Games and tournaments are held various weeknights and some weekends. Practices are to be held Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The salary is $3,000 a season.

Questions regarding responsibilities can be directed to Pete Rylander at 735-2211 ext. 7681.

Resumes are to be addressed to the Director of Human Resources, Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology, Woodlawn Road, P.O. Box 1005, Welland, Ont., L3B 5S2.

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Kiss the Flame

'Low self esteem is a contributing factor to substance abuse'

By Heather Hodgson
Law and Security Administration
Special to the Niagara News

Drug Awareness Week is from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20. Across Canada, communities will be providing forums and other activities to promote awareness as a focal point for the year. Each province has a theme. In Ontario, the theme is "Believe in Yourself".

It is a well known fact that self esteem plays a major role in all aspects of life. Low self esteem is a contributing factor to substance abuse. Sometimes people are afraid to look within themselves. It seems easier to escape through alcohol or other drugs than to take stock of their lives.

The first step in believing in yourself is finding out who you are and who you want to be. Keep in mind that several factors have an affect on performance. Being able to identify both positive and negative influences can help in getting a clearer picture of your directions and who you are.

The many roles we play in our lives can also weigh heavily on our self image. The questions "Am I a good friend, spouse, parent, son/daughter, sibling, student, employee, etc.?" can lead to devastation if not viewed in the proper context.

In general, humans tend to be very critical of themselves. Many of us accept blame very readily for failures but find it difficult to accept credit for success. Others find it easier to blame others for all faults. Where do you fit in this picture? Are you willing to really look within yourself?

Perhaps some simple guidelines would be of use.

1. Approach your strengths and weaknesses with the same care and consideration you would show for your best friend.
2. View weaknesses as starting points for building strengths.
3. Avoid negative criticism. This is destructive.
4. Take responsibility for your successes AND for those areas that weren's so successful.
5. Try to break down problem areas into workable chunks. Setting reachable short term goals for each area leads to a sense of accomplishment as each goal is reached.
6. Set strong priorities and stick to them. This is not an easy task but the end result does justify the sacrifices in most cases.
7. If YOU feel you are overwhelmed, make an appointment with the counselling office.
8. "College Success" or "College Essentials" may be a great solution to your academic problems. For information, contact Brian Keppy (S210D).

Accept the challenge! Be brave enough to find out who you are! Be strong enough to explore your strengths and weaknesses! This is the first step in building your self esteem. Don't sell yourself short. You are worth the time and effort. Believe in yourself.

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Canadian flag designer Dr. George Stanley cuts a cake at Marshview Middle School in Sackville, N.B. for the Canadian Fest open house on June 22, 1993. Photo courtesy of the Sackville Tribune Post. **Photo by Monika Queckenstedt**

Professor designs Canadian flag

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

Somewhere in Canada a patriotic symbol rises to fly at dawn.

Second World War veteran and retired college professor Dr. George Stanley, 86, of Sackville, N.B., designed Canada's flag.

"After I retired I was given the honorary rank of colonel," he said.

After the Second World War, Stanley met and married his wife Ruth, a lawyer.

Their three daughters, Della, Marietta and Laurie, all teach in post- secondary schools.

Della married lawyer Thomas Cromwell and their son, Thomas, is Stanley's only grandson.

"I'm very proud of them," says the dignified old-school gentleman.

'5,900 odd flag designs'

Stanley was the dean of arts at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC) in Kingston, Ont., before serving as an army lieutenant-colonel in the Second World War. Following the war, he was appointed history professor at the RMCC.

The red and white RMCC flag " . . . stood out against the sky at any distance."

While this was one of Stanley's inspirations for Canada's flag, the idea was sparked several years before.

During the Olympic Games in the 1920s, Percy Williams won the 100-metre dash. "He (Williams) was wearing a white jersey with a red maple leaf on it; that impression stayed with me," Stanley said.

In 1964 Canada's Liberal government set up the Flag Committee with John Matheson as chair.

The Flag Committee's purpose was to find a Canadian alternative to Britain's Red Ensign flag.

"One day in Ottawa a friend of mine, John Matheson, said to me, 'I've been appointed chair of the Flag Committee, could you send me a memorandum on historical Canadian symbols? If you have any ideas for a Canadian flag include them in the memorandum,'" Stanley said.

With the RMCC flag and Canadian Olympic jersey in mind, he began designing a flag.

"I started with the official (Canadian) colors: red and white," he said. "The white section must be equal to the amount of red on both sides."

He "stylized" the maple leaf "so a child could draw it" and placed it in the middle of the white section.

Stanley sent the memo to Matheson along with his design.

In total, "5,900 odd flag designs (were) submitted to the government," wrote Matheson in Canada's Flag.

After much debate Stanley's design was "approved by the Commons 163 to 78" on Dec. 15, 1964, Matheson wrote.

The flag raising ceremony was in Ottawa on Feb. 15, 1965.

"It was a beautiful day," said Stanley. "Everything was completely silent as everyone watched the old Red Ensign being lowered.

"When the other flag went up there was a great cheering."

Poor Homecoming turnout disappoints, surprises president of Alumni Association

By ELIZABETH BROWN
Staff Writer

Welcome to the Homecoming. Welcome anyone? Anyone?

"I'm disappointed by the turnout," Harry Popiluk, president of the Alumni Association, said about the Oct.16 event.

Popiluk graduated from Niagara College in 1970 from the Personnel Management course.

He is a residential property manager in Hamilton, although living in Beamsville. After graduation, Popiluk was a shopping centre manager.

"I want to retain a relationship with the college because Niagara meant a lot to me,"said Popiluk, who served as student council president in 1969-1970.

He said he understands how hard it is to find people from the 1960s.

Alan Filer, 44, who graduated from the General College program in 1970, is self employed in Niagara Falls. Popiluk and Filer developed a friendship at the college that is still going strong. "Harry is the godfather of my first born," said Filer.

The two were reminiscing about playing hockey for the college in 1968 and 1969. "We won one game, but never lost a fight. It was the best time of my life, the three years at the college," said Filer, who added the lounge above the gym is where they hung out. The lounge is no longer there.

David Rasmussen, 33, graduated in 1981 from the Frigerator and Air Conditioner program. He is working as the Canadian sales representative for Delhi Industries from his home in Hamilton.

He is involved with the Homecoming Committee and the Alumni Association and said he "was surprised by the lousy turnout. We did about everything you could possibly do," Rasmussen said in regards to notifying Niagara College graduates.

Gerald Ruch, 45, a Fort Erie lawyer, graduated in 1969 from the Sales and Merchandising program. Ruch was here the first year the college opened. "Hennepin was the only building here when I started, so the school has expanded over the years," he said.

The event was organized in part by Sophie Aggelonitis, a consultant to the Niagara College Foundation and Alumni Association.

Aggelonitis and Carole Landry, administation assistant, were not disappointed by the turnout. "We have just begun, it is going to take some time, it is important to keep alumni active," said Landry.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Be aware before you dare'

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

The federal Ministry of External Affairs would like travellers to - 'Be aware before you dare.' It's too bad for Julia Gourley that she didn't heed the warning.

Gourley, a 20-year-old Grade 10 dropout, was arrested in Jamaica attempting to smuggle 9.5 kilograms (21 pounds) of marijuana.

The Canadian woman (from around the Brampton area) must have read the script to the ministry's new video warning about the reprucusions of drug trafficking.

The video, titled *Gambit*, plays out the scenario of a down-and-out Canadian couple who attempt to smuggle a few kilograms of cocaine. The woman gets caught and was thrown into prison. This is no *Midnight Express*, it is all over in a matter of minutes (eight minutes and 17 seconds to be exact), and it never was meant to be.

Gambit fires right at home. It plays up to the fact that the couple could be anyone. Most of these mules, as they are regularly called, hear the horror stories, such as Julia Gourley, and feel that they can't be caught.

Not all travellers are aware they are smuggling. Drug gangs will sometimes plant stash on another passanger to keep attention off themselves. The gang hopes that customs will find the stash on the decoy, leaving them with an easier chance of getting through customs. Only about 10 per cent of the couriers are caught.

Here are a few rules when travelling that can keep you out of trouble.

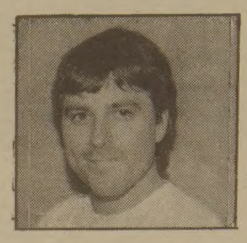
DO carry a perscription for any medication you are taking.

DO NOT leave your luggage unattended.

DO cross borders by yourself, all members of a party can be sentenced if travelling together in a car, bus...ect.

DO NOT carry anything over the border for anyone else.

Steely Dan: no static at all



By JOHN SARKO
Staff Writer

Donald Fagen and Walter Becker brought the latest incarnation of Steely Dan to Buffalo's Memorial Auditorium on Sept. 25. The band is noted for such FM classics as Ricky Don't Lose That Number and Hey Nineteen. Fagen and Becker have worked with studio notables like producer Gary Katz and guitarist Skunk Baxter.

Seeing these guys live is truly an original event. This is only their second tour. The first was almost 20 years ago. It became a fact of life that this was a band you would never see live. Fagen and Becker had led assorted ensembles through the 1970s producing a pure studio sound and countless hit songs that were classified as a jazz and pop mixture. As self-styled perfectionists, the concert scene seemed

'Steely Dan rears it's ugly metal head'

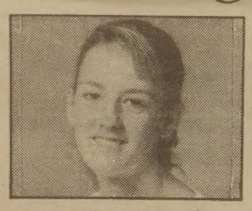
Walter Becker

pointless. Ironically they are doing a lot of shows in arenas which are not conducive to good sound. It leads you to believe that the show is inspired by a spirit of just having fun.

An opening medley of Royal Scam, Bad Sneakers and Aja put the crowd into the right moods of anticipation and excitement. From the opening notes of Green Earrings to the big finish encore of My Old School, a lot of ground was covered. Babylon Sisters, Chain Lightning, Reelin' in the Years, Josie, I.G.Y., Peg, Third World Man and Deacon Blues were definite highlights. The second set closed up with a rousing version of Teahouse on the Tracks from Fagen's latest solo album, Kamakiriad.

Anyone who showed up at the Aud looking for tickets would not have been disappointed. The price was cheap as it seemed everyone had a ticket to sell. A friend of mine was unable to sell 3 extras. Swallowing the added cost was easy when, in the words of Walter Becker, "Steely Dan rears it's ugly metal head."

Clowning around at the Girlie Show



By KERI REED
Staff Writer

Express yourself.

That's what Madonna did in front of 24,000 screaming fans on Oct. 12 at the SkyDome in Toronto.

The North American debut of the Girlie Show had a circus theme to it, with not as much sex as everyone anticipated.

The show did, however, open with a dancer in a G-string sliding down a pole at centre stage. Madonna then rose from a circular platform wearing black pants, bra, mask and platform boots. Holding on to a whip she sang "Erotica."

Madonna mostly sang her newest songs, including "Express Yourself" in purple bell-bottoms and a blond Afro wig. "In This Life" was dedicated to two of Madonna's friends who recently died of AIDS.

A few older hits performed included "La Isla Bonita," and "Holiday," which had fans on their feet dancing as Madonna acted like a drill sergeant. In a top hat and tails, and in a Marlene Dietrich look, Madonna sang "Like a Virgin" pronouncing 'virgin' as 'wirgin.'

The Girlie Show was more theatrical than the 1990 Blond Ambition tour, said Shannon Speers, 20, who has been to all of Madonna's Toronto shows.

At one point of the concert, Madonna sat down on the stage and talked to the fans. "The concert seemed more real with her talking to us," said Speers.

Throughout the concert, a masked clown danced on the stage, and after performing "Justify My Love" as an encore, the clown appeared once again. Removing the mask, the crowd went crazy as they realized the clown was Madonna. She waved goodbye to the crowd and left the stage.

The concert was well worth the $55 and $38 tickets.

Judgment Night: bang your head to this

By JENN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

If you don't have the funds to purchase compact discs of all your favorite radio play bands, then the motion picture soundtrack *Judgment Night* is for you. *Judgment Night* meshes popular rap performers with the recent hard rock sounds of bands such as *Mudhoney, Dinosaur Jr.*, and *Pearl Jam* as well as more mature rock giants.

The soundtrack begins in the explosive *Helmet* mode with *Just Another Victim* and raps it up with *House of Pain*.

The *Judgment Night* theme song of the same name, interpreted by *Biohazard* and *Onyx* raps with high pitched guitar wailings and industrial echos.

Hyped *Ice-T/Slayer* release *Disorder* kicks with its double bass and guitar solos that wind-up into a speed metal rap whirlwind reminiscent of old punk.

Faith No More and the *Boo-Yaa T.R.I.B.E.* ask if you can, "bang your head to this," while rolling you through a musical massacre.

The psychedelic sharps and flats projected by herbal lovers *Cypress Hill* and *Sonic Youth* take you on a mellow trip into the rap shadows.

A few of the tracks tend to be repetitive and monotonous resulting in less punch and more teenage la-la.

Most importantly, if you don't enjoy the throbbing sounds of rap music, pass this one up. You're bound to hear it blaring out of a jeep soon enough.

Opera coming to Welland

By KERI REED
Staff Writer

It's time for a little culture. And Diane Ujfalussy is bringing some to Welland.

Ujfalussy, 31, is a reporter for the Welland Tribune, but has been studying classical music for less than a year under Daniel Eby from Toronto.

Ujfalussy used to study jazz, but said it became "mundane" after a time. She began to wonder if she could sing opera.

On Nov. 13 at Centennial Secondary School in Welland, Ujfalussy is co-producing an operatic revue featuring "something for everyone." The performance will include pieces from Carousel and other classics such as Carmen and Don Giovanni.

There are 1,100 seats to sell. "I want it to be a sell out," said Ujfalussy.

Tickets are available by calling 788-1159.

National Gallery lecture

By CHRIS RUSSO
Staff Writer

Doctor Shirley L. Thomson updated the local art community Thurs. Oct. 14 during a lecture entitled "The National Gallery Today."

Speaking to an audience of more than 50 people in the Rodman Hall National Exibition Centre in St. Catharines, Thomson, director of the National Gallery of Canada since 1987, provided a slide show of selected works on display at the gallery in Ottawa.

Since 1988, when the gallery opened the doors of its present location, the purchase of two particular works or art have "indeed fuelled the fire of public debate," said Thomson. The works-in-question are the 1990 purchase of Barnatt Newman's *Voice of Fire*, and the 1993 purchase of Mark Rothko's *No. 16*. With each piece costing about $1.8 million "some would say outrageously expensive," she said.

"By terms of prices for old masters and early 20th century masterworks, which have gone completely out of reach, these are important works that the gallery can still afford," said Thomson.

Thomson continued her defence by explaining the budgetary restraints set by the federal government. The National Gallery became a Crown Corporation in 1990.

Thomson, following the slide show, answered questions from the audience to conclude the evening.

Telefest awards honor broadcast students

By DANIELLE MEVILLE
Staff Writer

The Phoenix Concert Theatre in Toronto played host to the 13th annual Telefest Awards on Sept. 23.

The Telefest Awards were first started by CBC-TV to honor the new talent from broadcast production courses in colleges and universities across the province.

TV Ontario took over the award process in 1991, committing to give them a higher profile within the communication's community.

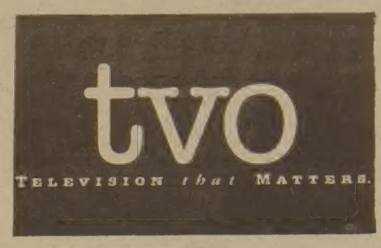
There are 15 awards overall, including 12 categories in Film/Video Production, four in Radio and three craft awards. This year, two special awards were added. One to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Ontario's colleges of applied arts and technology, presented by Dr. Charles Pascal, deputy minister of education, and the other, a Special Jury Award, presented by Peter Herndorf, chairman and chief executive officer of TV Ontario.

A 10 per cent increase over last year's number of entrants, a total of 176 entrants were judged from 20 eligible colleges and universities.

A panel of five judges including Dennis Murphy, director of the National Film Board of Ontario, and Kit Hood, producer and director of Playing With Time Inc., assembled for each category. Winners had previously been notified of the results.

The show was hosted by Lauren Millar of TV Ontario's Journeys, and Rick Green, host of Prisoners of Gravity.

Award presenters included radio and television personalities such as



Monika Deol and Master T of Muchmusic, Ralph Benmergui, host of Friday Night and Humble and Fred, morning disc jockeys from CFNY. Presenters were asked to give advice on how to succeed after school.

"Work hard, work hard, work hard," said Deol.

The audience was treated to live performances by singers Sharee Jaecock and Liberty Silver between award presentations.

During the latter part of the evening, guests were able to mingle with winners and presenters while dancing until dawn to The Hopping Penguins, the house band for the evening.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, TV Ontario telecast the night event named Blood, Sweat and Tape.

Executive producer of the show, Stan Lipsey, tried to describe what to expect with the show.

"I can't really describe it...You'll have to tune in and see for yourself," he said.

The televised show included home video segments produced by the winning students and clips to be shot at the awards bash.

Award winner Cheryl Zalameda of Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto summed up her school and film experiences with one single comment: "College paid off after all."

North of 60 star Tracy Cooke shared her thoughts on the evening.

"It's an honor to be a part of excellence. That's what this is tonight. It's a ceremony of excellence. The winners have shown us that they were able to set goals and to not only achieve goals but to excel. It takes that kind of attitude and hard work."

Home schooling for Jason

By DONNA DOLYNSKY
Staff Writer

"Foot-long" hot dogs may inspire Jason Weaver to one day return to Niagara College. Not as a visitor, but as a student. Although for now, he will continue his education — at home.

In January, Keith Weaver and his wife Pauline pulled their son Jason, 10, from his Grade 5 classroom at Victoria Elementary Public School in St. Catharines.

"The school system doesn't even teach the kids proper grammar anymore," said Weaver, 34, a first-year Social Service program student at Niagara College. With a co-operative effort, Weaver believes he and his wife can do a "better job at home."

Jason said he "feels great" about learning at home because for him it is far more relaxing and he faces fewer distractions.

Similar to public school, he starts at 9 a.m. and finishes about 3 p.m. and spends his scheduled day studying literature, geography, science, mathematics and of course, grammar.

"One of these days," said Jason, "we might make a cloud," describing how he and his dad try "lots of science experiments."

Jason also enjoys Canadian geography and said he hopes to one day fish the Great Lakes, "all of them."

Home learner Jason Weaver, 10, enjoys the morning routing through the Niagara College Library and Resource Centre.
Photo by Donna Dolynsky

'The school system doesn't even teach kids proper grammar anymore,'
Keith Weaver

The environment has become a growing concern for him.

"I learn about environmental things on my own," he said, adding, his interest of the environment has led him to understand the importance of taking care of and protecting nature.

Home learning is becoming a popular alternative for many Canadian families. It is not difficult to implement and requires little explanation to the government or the school boards. Although to enter high school, home learners must complete an academic test to demonstrate a satisfactory level of achievement.

Jason, like most other students, enjoyed the largest portion of his summer at play.

"I practiced writing stories and worked on some English skills," he said, but he did manage to spend time in Bobcageon with his grandparents where he learned to master a paddle-boat on Pigeon Lake.

But with his nose to the grind since Sept. 8, Jason is progressing steadily into his Grade 6 curriculum.

About 3:30 p.m. Jason's brother Justin, 6, arrives home each day from school. Justin "likes going to school (Victoria Elementary)," Jason said, adding his brother has no real interest in home learning.

Home Schoolers of Niagara Falls is an organization in support of home learning. They organize field trips and social events for children and their families who choose this route. This gives students and parents the opportunity to share common concerns, ideas and it encourages socialization. Although the organization is based on Christianity, Weaver, who has "very little" religious background said he does agree with "not all - but some of the concept this group offers."

"There are actually many people interested in knowing about it (home learning)," said Weaver. He voiced surprise at the number of people who have approached him about the decision of teaching their son at home.

"It's definitely a growing issue in the Niagara Region," he said.

In the evening hours, Jason spends time with his brother or may watch some television, or play with his toys. But, his favorite times are the evenings that include working with Word Perfect on the home computer writing stories, making reports, and developing literature.

"I learn far more at home," Jason said, nodding his head while taking a bite from his hot dog. Jason came to the college with his dad to work in the library while Weaver attended an early class.

"And one day I'm going to go to college — here," said Jason, glancing around with bright open eyes.

Dental conference

By MONIKA QUECKENSTEDT
Staff Writer

While the dental hygiene students missed Homecoming last weekend, they did gain valuable educational experience.

The North American Research Conference was held at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ont., from Oct. 15 to 17.

"The conference is a form of continuing education," says Carol Worobey, executive director of the Dental Hygiene Association in Ottawa. "*It's important to support and encourage them (students).*"

Education was the goal of the conference.

"We're looking so much at prevention now," said Worobey. The conference is "a first-hand chance to see and hear about upcoming events and therapy."

About 250 people attended the conference, including 48 Americans and 35 dental hygiene students from Niagara College.

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"I'm really excited about it (conference) because we're hosting it in Niagara Falls," said Worobey. "It further builds relationships with other dental hygienists in North America."

Members of either the Canadian or American Dental Association paid $130 a day to attend the conference, while full-time dental hygiene students attended for free.

"Three quarters to all of the dental hygiene students plan to attend something this weekend," said Carol Barr Overholt, 34, a faculty member of the Dental Hygiene program at Niagara. "It's free admission to full-time dental hygiene students except for meals."

Niagara College staff were involved in the preparations for the conference.

Pat Fortier, who teaches microbiology and infection control, and Janice Williams, a member of the clinical faculty at Niagara, organized the event at the hotel, said Overholt.

Marilyn Goulding, a member of Niagara's dental hygiene faculty, gave lectures on manuscript preparation and micro diagnosis.

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Drug Awareness Week here

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

The addiction treatment centre in Niagara Region have joined forces to offer a variety of activities for Drug Awareness Week.

The week of Nov. 14 to 20 has been designated as Drug Awareness Week, the eighth such week recognized in Niagara. Activities for the week, which include a kick-off breakfast, an open house and a dinner dance, were organized by the Niagara Drug Awareness Week Planning Group. The seven-member committee has been planning various activities for the week since last June.

Author and cartoonist Ben Wicks, famous for The Outcasts, will be speaking at the kick-off breakfast at the Parkway Inn in St. Catharines on Nov. 15. He will be discussing his new book My Kid's on Drugs? Never! The book outlines for parents what to look for in their children's behavior and how to cope with potential drug problems.

The slogan *Teens—ways of making a friend* has been adopted by the Niagara Drug Awareness Week Planing Group. A workshop directed at people who work with teens is just one of the activities scheduled.

The events are for the purpose of creating awareness, as all events will hopefully break even.

For more information on scheduled events and activities call Norma Medulun at the Hotel Dieu Detox Centre, 682-7211.

Local president receives honor

By STUART MCDONALD
Staff Writer

The College Standards and Accreditation Council (CSAC) governing board was recently announced by Richard Johnston, chair of the Ontario Council of Regents.

Joan Hastings-Dove, president of Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 242 at Niagara College, was appointed to the CSAC board by Ontario Premier Bob Rae through an Order-in-Council.

CSAC was established to develop consistent standards across the college system by defining credentials, setting standards and reviewing and accrediting publicly-funded college programs, states a Ministry of Education news release.

"The colleges are undergoing a major reconstruction," said Hastings-Dove. "A report called Vision 2000 came out in 1990 to review the mandate of Ontario colleges. CSAC was a proposal of the report."

CSAC will also define job and life-skill standards that are necessary for personal and career success. CSAC has already identified some life skills including math, computer literacy, analytical, interpersonal and communications skills.

Two separate sub-councils within CSAC will examine ways to incorporate job and life skills into existing programs, said Hastings-Dove, who was assigned to the former sub-council.

"Everything has to be in place by next September," she said. "We're not sure of the final outcome but I'm really looking forward to seeing it all unfold."

It's going to change the way we deliver programs at colleges and "it's very good" to have a representative from Niagara on CSAC, she said.

Addicts need help

By KEITH HOBBS
Staff Writer

It is time to realize we have a problem: drug and alcohol addiction. We focus on the substances, call them the devil's work, but seldom do we remember the word addiction is the root of the problem.

Alcohol, cocaine and other drugs have been used by priests, visionaries and complete communities since the beginning of time. Abraham Lincoln snuffed cocaine regularly, hemp was the staple crop of many early civilizations, and alcohol has been around longer than the Bible. Only now do we find and falsely blame these inanimate objects as the reason for our social destruction.

It is us not the drugs. It is the addictive personalities in all of us that is to blame. Survival has become a given, something we all take for granted. Pleasure has become our basic drive and with the need for survival gone we are left open to the horrors of addiction.

All addictions are for pleasure. We find what pleases us and stick with it, whether it's Oprah and heroin or church socials and Jack Daniels. It is not the pleasure that must be stopped, to erase pleasure from an individual's life is to dehumanize the person, it just has to be shown to the individual that survival supercedes the need for pleasure.

It is the addictive personalities in all of us that is to blame

It is also time that we treat these people like any other person. We have to ignore what the addiction is, and concentrate on the addictive trait in the person. Addiction treatment centres should treat all addicts, whether it is shoe polish or pork rinds, because all addicts need help.

It is the big picture that we must look at here and as long as we worry ourselves with the popcorn we will never enjoy the show.

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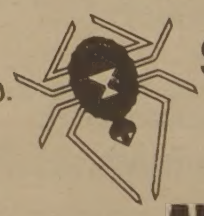

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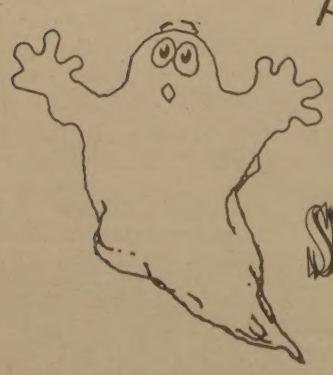

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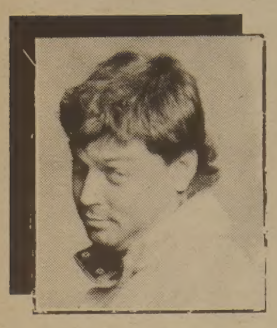


By: **ELIE BENDAVID**
Staff Writer

"Rock and Roller. . . World Traveller. . Family Man!" nah, that can't be David Schleich!

Schleich doesn't spend all of his time stirring up controversy. Believe it or not, he really does have a life outside the school.

Although Schleich is considered a workaholic by many of his colleagues, and many students at Niagara College remember him as the person who wanted to extend the school year, he really has the students' best interests at heart.

His time at school is spent finding ways to make students' lives a little easier. As vice president acedemic his main function is to keep the college running efficiently and to maintain a balance between the needs of the student, available resources, and the marketplace.

He spends countless hours on the phone. There is rarely a time that he has a spare minute but will always listen to a student in need. He attends seminars looking for ways to improve the school and develops programs that are most in demand.

There is a life however, for Schleich outside the college. He tries to find time to do the things that he enjoys most. He likes spending time with his family, playing jazz and rock 'n' roll or traveling the globe. Schleich is an expert on the assassination of president John F. Kennedy.

The third-eldest of eight boys and one girl, he grew up in London, Ont. His father Paul, an herbalist, worked hard to raise enough money for his nine children while his wife worked at home. They lived off modest means yet stayed very close as a family.

His adolescence was spent in Peterborough where he attended high school. After he graduated from Grade 13, he was hired by the Quaker Oats Company. At age 17 he was the youngest sales representative in its history.

He went to the University of Western Ontario in London, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Business and English. He continued his education in Kingston at Queen's University where he received his Bachelor of Education. He also holds a Masters degree in English from the University of Alberta and is presently working on a Ph.D. at the University of Texas.

His wife, Tracy, is a vocational rehabilitation councellor, art therapist. She recently moved to the Niagara Region from her graduate studies in British Columbia. They met in eastern Ontario while Schleich was researching at Queen's. Natasha, their 18-year-old daughter, was born in Melbourne, Australia where he lived for two years. He worked three jobs to finance the birth of their child and further travel in the south Pacific, he taught, lectured and sold stocks and bonds. His daughter will graduate from high school in June and aspires to be either a journalist, lawyer or doctor.

His fascination with the assasination of John F. Kennedy has made him an expert on the subject although he wont admit it. His opinion on the subject is based on facts which he he researched himself in the United States.

He collects things from the assassination that include a discarded piece from the fence at the "grassy knoll". He keeps this item among others in a file in his office along with official transcripts (that only a handful of people in the world have), abundant slides and tapes. He enjoys researching the subject and has spent time in the national archives in Washington where files of the assassination are kept.

"I'm not an expert. I'm and amateur. It is just a hobby," he says casually, but his knowledge on the subject goes much deeper.

He advocates the theory that Kennedy was not killed by a lone assassin but by a conspiracy. Schleich says "Lee Harvey Oswald was a triple hatter (scapegoat), and was part of the conspiracy but not the only assassin.

His office is a shrine of memorabilia. Buttons and photographs from the many places which he visited and lived adorn his office walls. His post-graduate years were spent in places like Spain and France where he was a freelance journalist for the German magazine Der Spiegel and the the English newspaper The Guardian.

Schleich spent time travelling all the republicst of Russia when he was the publisher/owner Quarry Press. His travels reached as far as Manchuria on the eastern coast of Russia where he sought out people to translate new Canadian authors including: William Calaghan, Ken Lewis and Allan Brown into russian. He has journeyed throughout the Americas, Europe, Australia and Africa.

It was in Russia where he began collecting Pepsi paraphernalia. The pride of his collection is an old Pepsi bottle from Siberia. Schleich says he was drinking a local warm russian concoction in Irkutsk, Siberia and turned to the person he was with and said, "Oh what I'd give for an ice cold Pepsi." Not knowing that Pepsi was distributed in Russia, the gentleman got a bottle of Pepsi and a glass of lud (ice) and served it to him.

"I was astonished. I had never seen Pepsi displayed you see, because in the Soviet Union at the time there wasn't wide spread advertising or colorful banners. I poured the Pepsi into the ice and I just enjoyed it so much," he said. "I asked him if I could buy a couple more for my trip home and he gave me two."

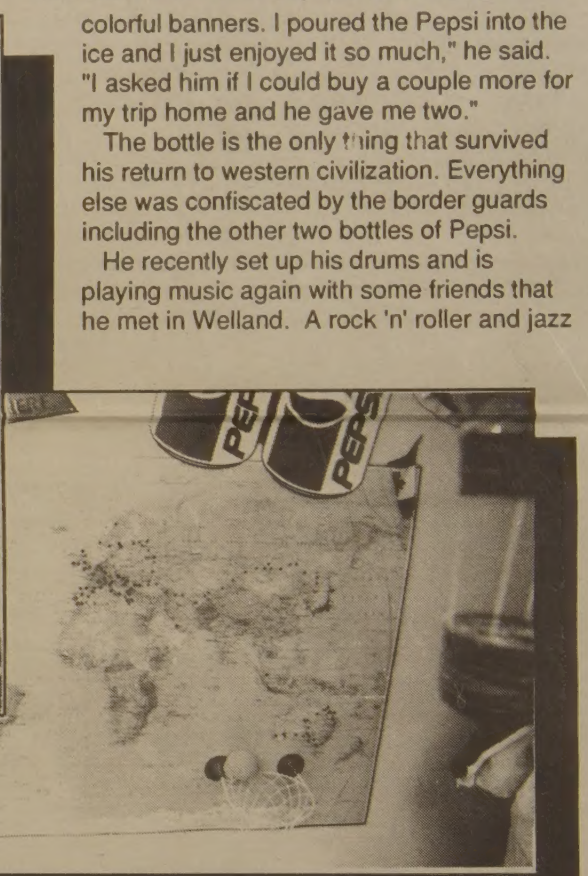
The bottle is the only thing that survived his return to western civilization. Everything else was confiscated by the border guards including the other two bottles of Pepsi.

He recently set up his drums and is playing music again with some friends that he met in Welland. A rock 'n' roller and jazz musician, he is setting up a recreational group.

He came to Niagara College in February 1991, to take over the position of vice-president academic.

"John Saso (president Niagara College) has a wonderful vision and we have had only a chance to scratch the surface.

"I've had four careers so far. I've owned and operated a publishing business. I've worked in professional sales. I've been a teacher and now I'm an educational administrator. . . I came to join a new team that is commited to building Niagara College for the next century," Schleich said.



Above: Schleich works in his office surrounded by his collections. Right: The dots on the map represent all the places he spent time in.

Program combats illiteracy

By ALAN GILDAY
Staff Writer

The federal government has taken a giant step in the fight against illiteracy by spending $1 million on an existing government program.

The Literacy Youth Corps, a program initiated in 1984, helps youth under the age of 25 upgrade their reading and writing skills and prepare for the job market.

Valcourt said a learning culture that emphasizes education is essential to a strong economy.

"Illiteracy costs Canada a staggering $14 billion a year in lost productivity and human potential," the minister added.

The major focus of the Literacy Corps program is to assist literacy agencies in recruiting and training volunteers to become literacy tutors. Clients typically include youth from low income and/or single parent families, natives, youth offenders and disabled youth. For youth that are at risk of dropping out of school, the program is tailored to individual needs, while youth that are out of school receive training that is geared to their occupational goals and the job market.

While many literacy organizations are happy that extra funding has been made available, not all local agencies are pleased with the figure.

"Our agency won't be able to tap into the funding as it's already been distributed,"said Chris Anderes, director of the Niagara Regional Literacy Council.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Left to Right: Back Row - Merv Wrighton, Paul Grummett, Frank Keltos, Cam Bell, Mark Lloyd, Rick Sinclair
Front Row - John Nicholson, Mike Fortin, Dan MacNab, Cool Breen, Shelley Doncaster, Ernie Peters
Absent - Todd Stevens - head coach

HOME OPENER: Friday and Saturday, October 28 and 29
Invitational Tournament

COACHES CORNER: " We are looking at .500. There's a lot of stronger and bigger teams than us. What we are looking to do is out run them, try to get them tired. Try to even it out, their size, our speed."

Merv Wrighton, assistant coach

HOCKEY

Left to Right: 1st Row - M. Tatarka, M. Masotti, J. Buote, P. Skuta R. LeMaitre, M. Matier, P. Lachance, D. Boulton, 2nd Row - M Emond, J. Anger, S. Punnett, J.Harris, B. Essery, L. Johnston 3rd Row - C. Bradnam, D. Crane, M. Kaye, J. Covelli, C. Duerden, L. Hale, J. Hogan, S. Andrews 4th Row - D. McSpadden, F. Bassi, J. Beattie, J Ward, J. Raymond, G. McPherson Absent: C. Guntee

HOME OPENER: Saturday, October 23
Conestoga at Niagara

COACHES CORNER: "The team this year looks like it'll be a competative one. We have many players that hold their own in this league. We're in a tough division, the top 3 teams make playoffs and we hope to be one of them." Fred Bassi, coach

MENS VOLLEYBALL

Left to Right: Back Row - Eric Vanhuizer, Brian Dunn, Luke Ashtor, Franz Schuster, Brent Rozzell
Front Row - Jim Konard, Blaine Prestor, Doug Holman, Rick Holman, Alain Belanger
Absent: Donald Sthantz, Brian Dekker

HOME OPENER: Thursday, November 18
Redeemer at Niagara

COACHES CORNER: " I feel our chances are very good this year with six returning players on the roster and an addition of three very experienced players that we have this year. We are shooting for number one - to finish first in division two."

Ray Sarkis, coach

WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

Left to Right: Back Row - Jennifer Forde, Lauri Shipp, Donnell Stayzer, Joanna Collings, Jennifer MacMillan, Judy Halaiko
Front Row - Cindy Shantz, Sue Graham, Tina Koziej, Kellie Teshima
Absent: Amy Charko, Cheryl Colyn, Tammy Forrester

HOME OPENER: Thursday, November 18
Redeemer at Niagara

COACHES CORNER: "Feeling very positive towards the team. With 7 players returning our goal this year is to make the playoffs, last year we finished 11-6. It's one of the stongest teams I've had in the last 5 years."

Judy Halaiko, coach

Don't Forget About:

Badminton:	Playoffs start February 10 in Toronto.
Curling:	Playoffs start February 4 at Ridgetown.
Football:	Played OCAA playoffs in Hamilton.
Golf:	Played OCAA Champion ships at Peterborough.
Soccer:	Playoffs start March 11 at Kitchener.

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